Statement of Support

To all Graduate Employees who work hard every day and give their energy, youth and talent for the best benefit of the University.

The UIC Graduate Student Council is writing this statement to express our support for the Graduate Employees Organization at UIC in their efforts to obtain fair and just economic benefits and labor practices for Graduate Student Employees.

The increase in fees has raised many concerns within the Graduate Student Employees (TA/GA/RA) body. The student community expressed the general disagreement with the amount of the fees being currently paid by graduate employees, as they sum to about 10% of the total yearly salary.

The Graduate Student Council believes that fair wages, fee waivers, medical insurance coverage, and transparent contracts are crucial for graduate employees to feel protected and respected by the University.

The Graduate Student Council is concerned that Graduate Student Employees were pushed by circumstances to go on strike to fight for basic benefits. The Graduate Student Employees deserve and need these benefits to be productive and serve the University to their best ability. We are looking forward to a timely agreement between the two sides that will benefit all students.

Members of Graduate Student Council