Statement of Support for GEO Strike - April 22, 2022

To all Graduate Employees who work hard each and every day,

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.

We support the Graduate Employees Organization as they fight for a livable and competitive wage for UIC Graduate Student Employees. We are also concerned by the proposed increased health care costs and lack of fee relief. 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 UIC.

The Graduate Student Council stands with the Graduate Student Employees as they go on strike to fight for basic benefits. The Graduate Student Employees deserve and need these benefits to be productive and serve UIC to their best ability. We are looking forward to a timely agreement that will benefit all students.

In solidarity,

Members of the Graduate Student Council