Dear UCI parents,

As you have likely heard, the University of California is currently experiencing strike activity by the United Auto Workers (UAW), which represents academic student employees (teaching assistants/associates, readers, and tutors), graduate student researchers, postdoctoral scholars, and academic researchers (academic specialists, project scientists, and professional researchers). During the strike, the University remains committed to student success, as well as good faith negotiations to reach mutually acceptable agreements to end the strike.

As finals approach, we encourage you to check in with your students. Campus leaders have been communicating regularly with students about potential impacts to their courses and expectations related to academic progress during the strike. We have also shared expectations for fall quarter grades and provided reminders about support resources. If your student has questions about their courses, they should contact their professors directly.

The University of California has reached tentative agreements with UAW on new five-year contracts for postdoctoral scholars and academic researchers and looks forward to reaching agreements with academic student employees and graduate student researchers. We will continue to provide regular updates to students and the UCI community at https://provost.uci.edu/continuity/. Thank you for your patience and ongoing support of your students during this time.

Sincerely,

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