



## Solidarity with Rutgers University Faculty Strike

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AAUP-Ohio State stands in solidarity with the faculty strike at Rutgers University, the flagship university of New Jersey. This historic strike—unprecedented in the university’s 257 years—is the joint effort of the Rutgers Adjunct Faculty Union (PTLFC), which represents part-time lecturers; the AAUP-AFT [American Association of University Professors-American Federation of Teachers], representing full-time faculty, graduate workers, postdoctoral associates and counselors; and the AAUP-BHSNJ [Biomedical and Health Sciences of New Jersey], which represents faculty in the health and sciences departments.

Our Big Ten colleagues have been working without a contract since June. We believe the demands of these educators, issued after months of negotiations and concessions, are reasonable. They are striking for a contract that includes equitable pay, adequate support for graduate students, job security for all faculty, a \$15 minimum wage for all university workers, an end to the practice of withholding student transcripts for fees owed, affordable university housing, and faculty control over teaching and research conditions. But the Rutgers administration has threatened legal injunction to force striking faculty back to work.

Our chapter condemns any retaliation, be it administrative, professional, or judicial, against any striking worker exercising their right to organize and advocate for better working conditions. As educators genuinely invested in the future of our students and communities, we affirm Rutgers faculty’s collective action to achieve an equitable and sustainable workplace for all colleagues.

Finally, we affirm the unity of interests between faculty and students. Instructors’ working conditions are students’ learning conditions. As Rutgers AAUP-AFT [wrote](#) on April 12, students and community members have been active in supporting the strike, rejecting the divide-and-conquer tactics of the administration.

How you can help:

- Please donate to the joint strike fund [here](#).
- Consider joining over 1,200 endorsers of [this open letter](#) calling on Rutgers University President Holloway to not seek an injunction against striking workers.
- Find out more [here](#).

Express your solidarity in every way possible. Rutgers faculty are showing us how to organize, unify, and resist the many crises in higher education today.

Executive Board, AAUP-Ohio State

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