



UConn Graduate Employee Union - UAW Local 6950
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**GEU-UAW Local 6950 Executive Board Resolution to Support the
Demands of the November 9th Rally for the People held at UConn, Storrs**

WHEREAS, the rhetoric surrounding the presidential campaign and the election of Donald J. Trump has encouraged a climate in which acts of violence against marginalized populations, including, but not limited to undocumented students and immigrants, people of color, Muslim people, indigenous peoples, differently-abled people, queer people, and women are increasingly acceptable; and

WHEREAS, the UConn Graduate Employee Union, UAW Local 6950 (GEU-UAW) represents the interests of graduate employees at UConn, many of whom are members of these populations directly threatened by this climate; and

WHEREAS, the student organizers of the Rally for the People have demanded that the University of Connecticut release an action plan detailing how it will deal with the deportation of a student as well as how it will support that student, by DECEMBER 1ST; and

WHEREAS, the student organizers of the Rally for the People have demanded that the University will move towards becoming a legal sanctuary for undocumented students and families by the END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR; and

WHEREAS, the student organizers of the Rally for the People have demanded that the University declare support for the people living in migrant communities surrounding the campus, such as Willimantic; and

WHEREAS, the student organizers of the Rally for the People have demanded that the University will divest from products made from prison and sweat shop labor IMMEDIATELY; and

WHEREAS, the student organizers of the Rally for the People have resolved to engage in direct action if these demands are not addressed; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Executive Board of the GEU-UAW, vigorously reject the violent rhetoric and actions that have been used during the presidential campaign and amplified since the election to terrorize members of our campus community; that we will unabashedly and unapologetically remain anti-racist, anti-sexist, anti-homophobic, anti-xenophobic, and anti-Islamophobic and continue to offer our union meetings and events as safe spaces for all members and supporters; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Executive Board of the GEU-UAW, urge the University to develop a plan for immediate action against instances of discrimination on campus in the wake of this presidential election; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Executive Board of the GEU-UAW, urge other faculty and graduate employee unions to actively support their members and students who have been targeted by such violence; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Executive Board of the GEU-UAW, call on the University administration to support all vulnerable groups on campus by quickly and adequately addressing the demands of the student organizers of the Rally for the People that are detailed above; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Executive Board of the GEU-UAW, resolve to act in solidarity with the students should the University not address these demands in a timely or adequate manner.

En La Lucha (In Solidarity),
GEU-UAW, LOCAL 6950 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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