



U.E. Local 896 Campaign to Organize Graduate Students



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COGS SIGNS ONTO UE HIGHER-ED CONFERENCE BOARD “WORKERS OVER DEALS” STATEMENT

Last week, President Trump extended his higher-ed funding compact, offering preferential funding and treatment to universities in exchange for enacting policy changes such as DEI-bans, limits on international student enrollment, and restricting free speech on campus. In response, the UE Higher-Ed Conference Board has issued a statement calling on university administrations to reject the compact and put workers over deals. COGS, the union for graduate workers at University of Iowa has signed onto this statement.

Republican state lawmakers, as well as former regent David Barker, are urging the Iowa Board of Regents to join Trump's so-called “Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education.” But to do so would be a betrayal of students, faculty, and staff at the University of Iowa. Capitulating to Trump's demands will risk the safety and wellbeing of Black, brown, LGBTQ+, and immigrant members of our campus community, and erode the quality of education and diversity of thought being offered by Iowa's premier public university. Such an acquiesce will only leave our university more vulnerable to further right-wing attacks on higher education that are sure to come. We are therefore demanding that the Board of Regents and UI President Barbera Wilson stand up to Trump and reject this deal.

COGS (the Campaign to Organize Graduate Students) is the labor union for graduate student workers at the University of Iowa.

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See the full statement by the UE Higher-Ed Conference Board [here](#).

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