UW-Madison Teaching Assistants’ Association Protests Racism on Campus

Madison, WI (April 21, 2016): In response to the arrest of a young black male student during an instructional period as well as continued administration inaction against racist hate crimes on campus, the Teaching Assistants’ Association (TAA) will join students, staff, and faculty to walk out during the “We Are GOD” Walk-Out on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. Along with thousands of community members, the TAA will stand up against the denigration, humiliation and criminalization of black and brown students and workers on UW-Madison’s campus.

The TAA encourages and supports all graduate workers and students to participate in tomorrow's walk out. As it has throughout its history, the TAA will defend graduate workers’ right to protest without intimidation or retaliation.

With fundamental questions of racial and educational justice are at stake, the TAA looks forward to uniting with UW campus and community members and organizations to ensure administrators are held accountable for creating a safe and inclusive space for all students.

The TAA is the oldest graduate student labor union in the United States and advocates for a university that is fair to all—including students, workers, and their families. Graduate student workers perform nearly half of all the instructional labor at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, while also taking classes and conducting research. The university works because we do.

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