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**UC Academic Workers Launch Campaign to Pressure UC President  
to Eliminate the Causes and Prosecute Instances of Sexual  
Harassment and Assault on Campus**

**Berkeley, CA** - Today, UAW 2865 (the union representing more than 14,000 UC Teaching Assistants, Readers, and Tutors) and UAW 5810 (the union representing over 6,000 Postdoctoral Researchers) launched a [petition](#) calling on UC President Janet Napolitano to implement real and immediate changes to eradicate sexual harassment and sexual assault against students and workers. The [petition](#) comes in the wake of a sexual harassment scandal involving the prominent UC Berkeley professor, Geoffrey Marcy.

Following years of sexual harassment and assaults against students by Professor Marcy, the University's lengthy investigation resulted in only a warning but no real punishment. Marcy was forced to resign by public outcry – not University Administrators – only after the facts came into the public sphere. Similar egregious cases have occurred at other UC campuses, frequently resulting in costly litigation and federal investigations.

**“UC too often prioritizes protecting the harasser and their own institutional reputation when responding to allegations of sexual harassment,”** said UAW 2865 Southern Vice President Irene Morrison. **“We demand that President Napolitano and UC administrators act now to begin eliminating the causes of sexual harassment—such as gender inequality among faculty especially in STEM fields.”**

**“UC also must respond to unfortunate incidents of harassment in a more just, timely, and transparent manner, rather than protecting faculty harassers as**

**they did in the case of now-disgraced UC Berkeley Astronomy Professor Geoff Marcy,” said UAW 5810 President Anke Schennink.**

Both unions have made [clear](#) their willingness and commitment to help President Napolitano make the necessary changes. Napolitano has yet to take them up on their offer to help.

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