

Dear _____,

The union for academic student workers at The New School (SENS-UAW) is planning to go on strike starting May 8th. Union members are prepared to be on strike for as long as necessary for the administration to stop delaying, address our demands seriously, and agree to a fair contract.

Despite the university's continued delays, President Van Zandt circulated an upbeat letter about the bargaining process, which you may have read. This letter is misleading and incomplete. Our bargaining committee has made clarifications to the letter, which can be found [here](#).

I will not be carrying out the normal duties of my **[RA, TA, TF, Tutor]** position during that work period. Among these duties are: **[leading recitations, etc]**. If the strike action is called off before the end of the semester is complete, I will resume my responsibilities at the regularly scheduled hours and pay rate.

We don't take this decision for strike action lightly, but given the university's actions, we have concluded that we have no other choice. We encourage you to reach out to the administration to bargain in good faith to resolve the outstanding issues prior to May 8th.

Best,
