



### **UAP Statement re: Resignation of UArts President Kerry Walk**

June 4, 2024 – We are appalled by the resignation of Kerry Walk as President of the University of the Arts and the subsequent cancellation of impact bargaining scheduled for this afternoon.

This sudden resignation, announced via the media, continues the pattern of disregard and cruelty to which the University of Arts has subjected employees and students. It has been five days since the abrupt decision to close with no answers or explanations: Employees do not know if they will receive paychecks for the work they have already completed, let alone what happens after June 7. Nothing has been done to help students find new colleges in which they may enroll. Both President Walk and the Board of Trustees that appointed her have behaved disgracefully and irresponsibly.

We call on UArts Board of Trustees Chair Judson Aaron to begin negotiations immediately on severance and benefits for affected faculty and staff, and demand he bring long-overdue transparency and accountability to this disastrous process. We also call on members of the UArts board to meet with students and the broader community to explain what has happened.

UAP will continue working with officials at the local, state, and federal levels to compel the University of the Arts to meet their legal and ethical obligations as events continue to unfold.