

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

**SCHOOL OF GENERAL STUDIES
GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL**

April 20, 2004

Whereas graduate students of Columbia University wish to form a union;

Whereas the aforementioned students have chosen to strike because of Columbia University's refusal to recognize their right to form a union;

Whereas graduate students serve an integral role in the Columbia community;

Whereas the education of the members of the undergraduate schools, including the School of General Studies, depends directly on the graduate students who teach us and serve us as teaching assistants;

Whereas the students that we represent will suffer directly as a result of the graduate students' absence from our community and classrooms;

Whereas these students' grades, educations, and, most importantly, futures will depend on the successful and normalized completion of the semester; therefore be it,

Whereas ALL members of our community ought to have an adequate voice on issues that affect it;

Resolved that we urge the Columbia University Administration and the students on strike do everything within their power to bring the strike to a fair and timely conclusion.