

The New School deeply values all our student workers and supports their right to unionize under the process established by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). We are aware of the rally and petition by members of the New Student Workers Union (NewSWU) and support the right of our students to voice their opinions and demonstrate solidarity.

The NLRB held a hearing because NewSWU's petition raised a number of legal issues, and we continue to believe our Non-Academic Student Workers would be better served through the formation of their own distinct union bargaining unit, as opposed to being represented by SENS-UAW Local 7902 alongside our Academic Student Workers. Our non-academic student workers may work, for example, as orientation leaders or at the university's New Store, and do not have the same type of roles and responsibilities as academic student workers, who include teaching fellows, research associates, course assistants, and tutors. In addition, some of the job titles among the unrepresented group are already included in other recognized bargaining units at the university.

We remain committed to maintaining a respectful relationship with all unions on our campus in service of our shared interest in fostering a supportive and thriving academic community.