



U Strike Bulletin

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Professors Honor Strike Picket Lines in Face of Admin. Threats Classes Held Off Campus for Thousands of Students

University Faculty and Students held a press conference on Tuesday to highlight disruptions caused by the strike and demand the University come back to the table with a fair wage offer.

Anna Clark, Professor of History said, “Not only is this strike a disruption from a moral and political perspective, but I have students who are unable to add my class because staff that would normally process the paper work are absent.”

Sofi Shank, U of M freshman added, “I am trying to get oriented to the university and instead of focusing on my classes I am forced to choose between going to class and violating my principles by being asked to cross a picket line.”

The MN Daily quoted Dan Wolters, U of M spokesperson as saying, “The veterinary clinic is one of the departments hit hardest, Wolters said. It can accept only emergency calls until the strike abates because of the exceptional number of missing employees, he said. Other areas of the University struggling to deal with the loss of workers are the dental clinic, Boynton Health Service and University Police Department 911 operators,” Wolter said.

Disability Services reports that at least 17 classes are without disability accommodation because of the strike. This fact could put the University into a non-



Faculty and student press conference, Tuesday afternoon.

compliant status under the Americans with Disabilities Act. In addition, networking and telecommunications is reportedly extremely shorthanded and is having difficulty managing trouble tickets, the regular daily calls for repairs in the Universities technologies services.

Some faculty do not want to cross the picket lines, and have already arranged to take their classes off campus. Many classes will be off campus on Tuesday and Wednesday in solidarity; professors have requested rooms for 152 classes, representing 4000 students. Professors are taking the strike as a learning opportunity. Carl Flink had his students dance across campus, passing by the picket lines. Some professors may be exploring the history of the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood with short walking tours.

Professors have also arranged a teach-in for Tuesday and Wednesday, 10-12 and 1-3:30. Professors will put the strike in context of past labor struggles and show how the students have much in common with the workers. A film on the last strike will also be shown and discussed.

Strikers Rally!
Wednesday, Sept 12
12:30 p.m.
At the east end of
Washington Ave Bridge

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