

UCWAZ Demands Shared Governance and Accountability from Leadership



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ARIZONA - United Campus Workers of Arizona (UCWAZ) calls on all University students, employees, alumni, and the broader Tucson community to join us for a rally immediately before the next Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) meeting on Thursday, April 18 at 12:30pm.

WHAT: UCWAZ Rally outside Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) meeting

WHERE: outside Administration Building on UA Mall - 1401 E University Blvd

WHEN: Thursday, April 18th at 12:30pm

In a historic moment for Arizona's labor movement, Thursday's rally will include all three of Arizona's public universities; Arizona State University, University of Arizona (UA), and Northern Arizona University, which are represented by UCWAZ. UCWAZ will be rallying after years of administrative mismanagement, executive bloat, and a lack of transparency at all three public universities in the state.

UCWAZ members from across Arizona will speak to the heightening threats against shared governance, academic freedom, workers' livelihoods, and the core missions of Arizona's public universities before and during the meeting. UA workers are bracing for waves of layoffs in the coming years that will disproportionately impact staff due to the extreme financial mismanagement at the hands of President Robbins and his senior leadership team. "This apathy towards worker and student concerns is deafening in the way ABOR responds to public comment, sitting on their phones, or criticism from the UA faculty senate by threatening legal action," said Hypatia Meraviglia, ASU Graduate Student and UCWAZ Student Caucus Representative.

Our continued presence at ABOR meetings has made an impact as we can see from the UCWAZ demands that have been met this year, including President Robbins' resignation. We will keep fighting for better wages, job security, protection of student voices, and democratic universities where UCWAZ is a part of the decision-making process.

About United Campus Workers of Arizona (UCWAZ)

UCWAZ unites Arizona's diverse public university workforce—including part-time and full-time staff, faculty, students, and student workers at NAU, UA & ASU—to address the critical issues we all face. Our mission is to champion and defend the interests and well-being of all university workers, as well as to build and sustain social and economic justice in our workplaces and communities. For more information on the United Campus Workers of Arizona and our mission to champion and defend the interests and well-being of all university workers, visit www.ucwarizona.org.

