

## United Campus Workers Spurn Arizona Board of Regents Meeting in Flagstaff



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The United Campus Workers of Arizona (UCWAZ), CWA Local 7065, flipped the script on their recent appearance at the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) board meeting held in Flagstaff, AZ at the High Country Conference Center.

Rather than encouraging campus workers and concerned community members to take their grievances to the Regents during the “Call to the Audience” portion of last week’s board meeting, members of United Campus Workers of Arizona instead gathered at Northern Arizona University’s (NAU) University Union, where they invited audience members to join in a rally.

“With the Chair threatening a student with arrest in June, we get the message loud and clear - ABOR doesn’t actually want workers at public comment,” said member Gregory Lella, an Assistant Teaching Professor at NAU.

“It’s not right to punish people for speaking at public comment when, really, it’s the only way we can talk to [university] leadership,” community supporter and former ASU employee Scott Menor added.

United Campus Workers of Arizona pledges to continue fighting for workers to have a seat at the table. With ABOR’s own actions demonstrating that public comment is currently not-viable as a method of communication with university decision-makers, UCWAZ members will continue traditional efforts to organize and work with the broader higher ed community in Arizona.

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