Dear Colleagues,

Lots of action on the labor front these days. Two announcements:

1. The AFT (our lecturers' union) is having a rally and march on Monday February 3 to draw attention to the fact that after over 9 months of bargaining, they are now working without a contract. The march will begin in Quarry Plaza at 11:30 and will end with a rally (with speakers) outside Kerr Hall at 12:00. Speakers will include Provost Flora Lu, Labor Center Director Steve McKay, and representatives from the SCFA, AFSCME, graduate students, and undergraduates. Please join to show solidarity with our fellow union members.

2. Graduate students have announced that they are organizing for a teaching strike (total work stoppage; not just grade strike) to begin on Monday, February 10. The details of their action evidently are being worked out. Once we have a better sense of those details, we think it would be good for the SCFA membership (dues-paying and not) to meet in order to discuss our possible responses. During that meeting, we would hope to get a range of viewpoints and perspectives from all senate faculty. As before, we would consult with the SCFA's attorney prior to the meeting.

We have reserved Humanities I, Room 210 for Thursday February 6, 5:30-7pm, and are writing now to ask you to reserve that date and time. By Tuesday, we will send a confirmation about whether we have enough information about the graduate students' teaching strike to have a fruitful meeting.

In solidarity,
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SCFA Co-chairs