



PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

**American Association of
University Professors**

Promoting Quality Higher Education – An Investment in Oregon's Future

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Dear Manchester University colleagues,

On behalf of almost 1400 colleagues, academics at Portland State University, Portland, Oregon, represented by our union, the Portland State University chapter of the American Association of University Professors, I extend a strong and warm embrace of solidarity as you find yourself forced to call a strike on the management of Manchester University.

In 2014, our union was also forced to call a strike, after university management had stonewalled us for a year with egregious, bad faith, anti-faculty, anti-student, proposals. Thankfully, we were able to prevail, but only because of our resolve, and the solidarity of many other unions and students. Since then, Portland State University administrators have understood the significance of good relations with faculty to a strong university, and that respect has carried in to subsequent bargaining. We hope the same for you.

Warm regards and solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'José Padín'.

Dr. José Padín
President, PSU-AAUP