

**Statement by AAUP Chapters of
Columbia, Fordham, NYU, PSC/CUNY, and PSA/NJIT
On the Unfolding Crisis at The New School**

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This is a joint statement of the American Association of University Professors advocacy chapters at [Columbia](#), [Fordham](#), and [New York](#) Universities and of the [Professional Staff Congress](#) of the City University of New York and the [Professional Staff Association](#) of the New Jersey Institute of Technology (both of which are collective bargaining chapters of the AAUP).

We stand in solidarity with faculty and students at The New School in their struggle against the unwise and unjust attack being leveled against the institution by its own leaders.

The suspension or cancellation of many degree programs, the attempt to push out large numbers of faculty, and the pitting of one branch of the school against another serve no constructive purpose. These ill-advised moves will do nothing to relieve the financial crisis afflicting the school. Indeed, they risk aggravating the crisis by further driving down enrollment numbers.

Instead of cooperating in any meaningful way with faculty and students, The New School's leaders have chosen to launch a blitzkrieg. We urge them to change course and make constructive plans to reform, defend, and preserve degree programs and academic units in partnership with faculty and students.

Since its founding, The New School has been a site of intellectual innovation and resistance to authoritarianism. The reckless actions of its leaders, so antithetical to this proud tradition, risk severely damaging its global reputation. They must be reversed.

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