

# NYU WALK OF SHAME



## Cole's Gym

Graduate workers were suddenly laid off at this worksite as soon as NYU was legally required to pay them \$15/hr. Furthermore, NYU plans to demolish this gym years before a replacement can be built, putting real estate interests above student jobs and health.

#### NYU Steinhardt

This school charges doctoral students over \$3,000 in 'tuition' for a fake course that isn't taught by faculty (if at all). This inequity is all the more troubling as 72% of Steinhardt PhDs are women, and their fields of study have long been undervalued by the academy. This fraudulent fee structure, materially and symbolically, continues this legacy.

# 3 Bobst Library

This library, named after an anti-semite and child-molester, houses the university's executive administration including the offices of outgoing President John Sexton, who will receive a \$2.5 million exit bonus. NYU regularly reports >\$100 million in surplus revenues, and more of this money could surely go towards providing more jobs and standardized wages to NYU's students. These administrators could also turn their attention to front-line library staff who have recently had their working conditions dramatically rewritten without their consent or input. Despite a court order to bargain with these employees, NYU has refused to take any action.

#### 4 NYU Law

This school used to employ many graduate engineering students as part-time clerks. However, rather than paying them a living wage as the grad worker contract requires, the school's administration decided to terminate their employment with as little as 2 days notice. These workers have since been replaced with underpaid undergrads.

#### 5 Human Resources

NYU student workers encountered shocking displays of administrative mismanagement over their benefits and pay this fall. Hundreds of workers experienced delays, upwards of 10 weeks, in receiving their first pay checks, The new grad worker health insurance subsidy has also become a poorly-executed refund as NYU failed to adjust its universally-errant billing practices until 15 days after these bills were due. Many refunds are still outstanding.

# Tandon School of Engineering (aka NYU Poly) - Brooklyn

Purchased by NYU in 2008, the School of Engineering has always lagged behind Washington Square in terms of wages and labor protections. Until the first graduate worker contract, engineers were typically paid \$4-9 less per hour than their colleagues in Manhattan. Today, despite generous financial gifts to the school, Poly grad workers report dramatic wage cuts and job losses that continue this inequity. This is an urgent matter because of the school's significant international student population, who legally can't work anywhere else.

# 7 Poly Incubators - 137 Varick Street & Brooklyn

NYU partners with budding tech companies to offer internships to engineering students for poverty wages. Faced with the new \$15 wage, administrators scrambled to restructure the program as a fellowship with only a \$2000 honorarium for the semester. Interns are still expected to work 20/hours a week, however, and now earn the equivalent of less than the state minimum wage for their skilled work,

## NYU Abu Dhabi

One third of laborers working to build NYU's campus in the Middle East are excluded from NYU's labor guidelines and thus experience extreme levels of exploitation. These largely migrant workers are paid far less than promised, prohibited from unionizing, and have their passports withheld to prevent them from leaving. NYU's actions on this issue continue to lag behind.

