REVISED NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR LOCAL 2110 JOINT COUNCIL DELEGATES

The following eligible candidates have been elected by acclamation as Delegates to the Local 2110 Joint Council:

Claudia Carrera Ziad Dallal* Jacob Denz Christopher (Chris) P. Nickell Kyle Stephen Shybunko

*Ziad Dallal was erroneously omitted from the prior notice.

Some of you may have received an email entitled "GSOC Election Interference" advising you to disregard Local 2110's communication about the elections. The email accused our union of undemocratic interference in the elections. Nothing could be further from the truth. Here are the facts:

- To be eligible to serve as a union steward or delegate, you must have worked in a bargaining unit position in either fall 2015 or spring 2016 and have signed a union membership card. It is a basic democratic tenet within the UAW that to represent the union and its membership on collective bargaining matters, you must be a dues-paying member of the union yourself. This is the only position that makes sense because the union's legal right to represent graduate workers only extends to those that are in a position that is covered by our contract. Therefore, candidates who had not or are not currently working in a bargaining unit position or had not signed a union membership card were ineligible for election as stewards or delegates.
- Some have asked why there was no contested election announced for these positions. If the number of eligible candidates does not exceed the number of open positions, the eligible candidates are deemed elected by acclamation. This is precisely what occurred in both these and last year's elections.
- <u>Local 2110 has communicated this position clearly and consistently from the outset.</u> GSOC representatives and stewards, including the Votes and Communications Committees, all knew that Local 2110's bylaws define membership in good standing to mean that a member is working in a unit position and has signed a union membership card. Furthermore, these committees also knew that under the Local 2110 bylaws, steward and delegate elections are administered by the

Local Union.

- We know that there are non-working graduate students who have supported and been active in the union. There are many ways to make a contribution while not working in a unit position, aside from serving as a steward or delegate. For example, many non-working graduate students have volunteered to help organize in our unit and mobilize for actions. The candidates who were ineligible to run for these positions can still be involved in the union.

If you are working at NYU this semester and have not signed a union membership card, plese print out and sign it <u>here</u>.

The Local 2110 Executive Board

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