

# WHO NEEDS FACULTY?

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FACULTY WORKING CONDITIONS ARE STUDENT LEARNING CONDITIONS



## STUDENTS PAY THE PRICE

Although 50 years of research has shown that faculty/student interaction is crucial to student success, the over-reliance on part-time, contingent faculty actually decreases the possibilities for faculty to interact with students in the amounts and ways that matter most.

## AN INVESTMENT IN ALL FACULTY IS AN INVESTMENT IN ALL STUDENTS

If research was driving higher education policy, investing in faculty would be a top priority. Instead, there has been a growing disinvestment in faculty. Current policies and practices on faculty hiring and salary hurts students and their success.



# ONWARD BUT NOT NECESSARILY UPWARD

Challenges in recruiting and retaining faculty along with reduced opportunities for interaction caused by low salaries and over-reliance on part-time faculty are especially hard on students of color, low-income students, and first generation students.

SUPPORT FOR FACULTY = SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

ONE FACULTY

END THE TWO TIER SYSTEM

