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The University of Sydney Association of Professors (USAP) has as part of its mission, the role of the Professoriate, to stand for and defend academic values and standards, and to similarly support probity in the University. Professor Manuel Graeber is the President of USAP and has in that capacity made public interest disclosures about alleged wrongdoing by the University's management. The USAP Council is alarmed that he has been subsequently suspended from employment.

These and further circumstances compel the USAP Council to speak in defence of Professor Graeber and to condemn his suspension, an act in seeming retribution by management for him fulfilling his USAP and fundamental academic responsibilities via his public disclosures. There has clearly been a profound erosion of university staff's trust and confidence in the current University of Sydney management.

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