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**“SODEXORCISM” at UVM this Thursday, 11/21**

WHEN: Thursday, November 21, 12:30 pm  
WHERE: UVM campus, walkway between the Davis Center and Bailey-Howe Library; march into the Davis Center at 12:45

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UVM Students Stand Up, the Vermont Fair Food Campaign, and United Academics, UVM’s faculty union, will stage a public action protesting Sodexo's plans to cut workers' benefits and the company’s ongoing retaliation against employees who speak up about unfair working conditions.

Our goal is to purge Sodexo of its bad labor practices and corporate greed. If we are successful in persuading Sodexo to abandon its harsh and unfair policies, we will not feel a need to “exorcise” Sodexo from UVM.

Prior to the public demonstration. UVM Students Stand Up plans to deliver thousands of petition signatures to the General Manager of Sodexo’s UVM operations, Melissa Zelazny.

Sodexo has already done a lot of back-pedaling in the past few weeks in response to pressure from campus and community groups, and from their own employees across the state. Thanks to temporary injunctions from the administrations of UVM and the Vermont State Colleges, Sodexo will not be allowed to cut benefits for these employees at this time. While the company plans to take up the issue of cuts again next summer, Sodexo is already reconsidering its plans to cut paid sick leave.

Visit [www.unitedacademics.org/sodexo](http://www.unitedacademics.org/sodexo) for background information.