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## Hunger Strikers at CUNY School of Law Demand That Professor Be Given Tenure

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Eight students and a professor at the City University of New York School of Law have been on a hunger strike since Tuesday, demanding that the administration grant tenure to a popular faculty member.

Maivan C. Lam, a Vietnamese-born lawyer and anthropologist, was recommended for tenure by the school's tenure and reappointment committees. However, those recommendations were reversed by the college's personnel and budget committee.

Kristin Booth Glen, dean of the law school and a member of that committee, has the final say, and she told a crowd of about 200 students on Thursday that she'll decide by next Wednesday.

Amelia E. Toledo, a second-year law student, said minority and foreign-born students who identify with Ms. Lam were outraged by the recommendation against tenure.

“Hers is a voice that’s not heard in a lot of the classrooms,” Ms. Toledo said. “She doesn’t just teach us what’s necessary to pass the bar. She teaches us more about the historical and cultural underpinnings of the law.”

The students, who were camping out in the lobby of the administration building, were

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Some have speculated that Ms. Lam’s outspoken criticism of teaching styles used in the law school may have hurt her chances of getting tenure.

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