

A Resolution to Support Full Implementation of the MOU Committing UC and the Secretary of State to Increase Student Voter Engagement

WHEREAS Only 8% of eligible youth aged 18-24 voted in the 2014 general election. Only 52% of eligible youth were even registered to vote, more than 20 points below any other age group.¹

WHEREAS A California Secretary of State report revealed that from January 2014 to February 2015, a meager 8,454 of the 2.8 million students at California's public colleges and universities registered to vote through an online opportunity provided by their campus, a mere 0.3 percent of the student body.²

WHEREAS The University of California (UC) has the power to improve youth voter participation and build a new generation of civic leaders.

WHEREAS UC students and administration have an obligation to create university campuses that are conducive to robust civic engagement.

WHEREAS On September 9th 2016, the UC Office of the President (UCOP), the California Lieutenant Governor, and the California Secretary of State came to [a historic agreement](#) wherein the UC made several commitments to change policies and put in place best practices to expand voter registration opportunities and boost student civic engagement.

WHEREAS UCSA is part of a broader coalition called the *Students Vote Project* which includes the CA Secretary of State's Office, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, California Common Cause, Fair Elections Legal Network, CALPIRG, CSSA, Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Asian Law Caucus, and Young Invincibles.

WHEREAS The effectiveness of the MOU depends on a robust implementation that maximizes the commitments made by UC.

WHEREAS As of August 2017, UC students are still waiting to receive an update on how campuses performed on their commitments and obligations under the MOU.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED That UCSA calls on the UCOP to provide periodic status updates to the *Students Vote Project* coalition on the progress made in implementing the MOU's at each UC campus.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED That UCSA calls on UCOP to formally designate a "point-person" on each UC campus who is responsible for leading and overseeing all MOU implementation efforts at their respective campus. This individual will collaborate with students,

¹ California Civic Engagement Project, UC Davis Center for Regional Change, California's New Political Realities: The Impact of the Youth Vote on Our Electoral Landscape, Policy Brief Issue 9, January 2015.

² California Secretary of State, COVR Registration by College System and Campus, 01/01/2014-02/03/2015.

staff, faculty and other stakeholder groups on campus-specific MOU implementation efforts and will provide periodic progress updates to UCOP and the *Students Vote Project*.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED That UCSA calls on UCOP to appoint one member of the UC system's central administration as the primary point person for MOU implementation at the systemwide level. This individual will collaborate with students, staff, faculty and other stakeholder groups on systemwide MOU implementation efforts and will provide periodic progress updates to UCOP and the *Students Vote Project*.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED That UCSA calls on the undergraduate and graduate Associated Students (or equivalent representative body) on each UC campus to pass a resolution in favor of robust implementation of the MOU at their respective campus.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED That UCSA will call on at least one student representative from each UC campus to serve as the point-person in supporting and overseeing MOU implementation at their respective campus. This representative could be the Campus Vote Directors at campuses that have year-round vote directors. Alternatively, this individual may be appointed by the External Vice President's or the Associated Students on each campus.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED That UCSA will continue to monitor compliance of the MOU and will take further actions as necessary to facilitate the full implementation of the MOU.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that endorsement of this MOU does not in any way limit UCSA from implementing additional activities and seeking additional university support regarding increasing voter participation.