

**Resolution Regarding Membership of the Associated Students of the University of California, Irvine (ASUCI) and the University of California, Davis Graduate Student Association (UCD GSA)**

**Sponsor(s):**

Kevin Sabo (UCB AS)

**WHEREAS**, The Associated Students of the University of California, Irvine (ASUCI) is the official representative body of the nearly 25,000 undergraduates who attend the Irvine campus of the University of California<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, The University of California, Davis Graduate Student Association (UCD GSA) is the official representative body of over 4,000 graduate/professional students who attend the Davis campus of the University of California<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, On February 27, 2014, the ASUCI Legislative Council voted 8-2-2 to terminate its membership with UCSA as advised by then-Executive Vice President Melissa Gamble who served as the ASUCI voting member on the UCSA Board of Directors;

**WHEREAS**, ASUCI articulated its concerns and reasons for terminating membership in B49-14 - among them including: inaction on the appointment of UC President Janet Napolitano, disregard of the undocumented student community, overrepresentation of graduate/professional students, over-influence of past UCSA executive directors, inadequate organizing support for campaigns, lack of cultural competency training for Board members and staff, insufficient support for students of color, and dismissal of outreach efforts from UC workers<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, The UCSA Executive Committee has drafted and supplied ASUCI with an official response it feels proves many of the concerns expressed by ASUCI have been addressed and resolved<sup>4</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, UCD GSA *de facto* terminated its membership with UCSA by its decision to decline reauthorizing appropriations for dues after the conclusion of the 2013-2014 term.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors of the University of California Student Association affirms its recognition of the concerns expressed by ASUCI in its resolution terminating membership and remains committed to addressing concerns articulated by associations and the students they represent;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors of the University of California Student Association invokes Article IV, Section F, Subsection 2 of its Charter and hereby waives membership dues for the Associated Students of the University of California, Irvine and the University of California, Davis Graduate Student Association for the 2015-2016 term so as to confer good standing on each for the period stated herein;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors of the University of California Student Association orders that the provisions of this resolution be enacted on the condition ASUCI and UCD GSA agree to either place a

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.oir.uci.edu/files/enr/IIA22-total-enr-2004-2013.pdf?R=225094>

<sup>2</sup> [http://budget.ucdavis.edu/data-reports/documents/enrollment-reports/eenrsum\\_fcurr.pdf](http://budget.ucdavis.edu/data-reports/documents/enrollment-reports/eenrsum_fcurr.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.asuci.uci.edu/legislative/legislations/print.php?cnum=B49-14&gov\\_branch=ASUCI](http://www.asuci.uci.edu/legislative/legislations/print.php?cnum=B49-14&gov_branch=ASUCI)

<sup>4</sup> <https://goo.gl/L6zjzq>

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referendum for the purpose of financing full UCSA membership on their winter 2015 elections ballot or commit to full payment of membership dues through appropriations from their respective operating budgets; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** That the Board of Directors of the University of California Student Association directs its Executive Committee to conduct a holistic review of the UCSA Charter provisions that relate to membership and/or dues and report back to the Board at its January 2016 meeting.