
University of California Student Association
Resolution in Solidarity with National Campaigns to End State-Sanctioned Violence Against Black Bodies

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WHEREAS, Every twenty-eight hours a Black person is killed by law enforcement, security guard, or vigilante¹;

WHEREAS, Grand juries have failed to indict Ferguson, MO Police Officer Darren Wilson for the murder of 18-year old unarmed Michael Brown, or NYPD Officer Daniel Pantaleo who used an illegal chokehold maneuver to suffocate and kill Eric Garner;

WHEREAS, People all across the nation have taken to the streets to protest state-sanctioned violence against Black bodies;

WHEREAS, The University of California Student Association historically has developed a culture of organizing through the support of Civil Rights and Free Speech Movements;

WHEREAS, University of California student activist in Black Student Unions and various other campus organizations are active in BlackLivesMatter protests and demonstrations in solidarity;

WHEREAS, Demands of the Ferguson Action organization highlight many of the goals of the IGNITE campaign, such as the end to the school to prison pipeline, the end of the prison industrial complex, and freedom from mass incarceration²;

WHEREAS, One of the primary goals for the IGNITE Campaign for the current year is to engage students in taking a stand against police brutality; and

WHEREAS, Ferguson Action also demands quality education for all, which echos the mission of the UCSA for accessible, affordable, and quality public universities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the University of California Student Association stands in solidarity with Black activist networks calling for the end of state-sanctioned violence against black bodies, such as Ferguson Action and BlackLivesMatter;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the University of California Student Association supports the actions of Black student leaders on our member campuses by providing aid in logistics, event planning, and communications (within budgetary means);

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the University of California Student Association direct its President and University Affairs Chair publish a statement to the press expressing our solidarity with student activists, BlackLivesMatter, and Ferguson Action; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the University of California Student Association plans coordinated actions across our member campuses in solidarity with this national movement.

¹ <https://mxqm.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Operation-Ghetto-Storm.pdf>

² <http://fergusonaction.com/demands/>