

A Resolution Addressing Organizational Contradictions in Pursuing Racial Justice

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WHEREAS, the University of California Student Association receives the state and university recognized platform as the official ‘voice’ of over 240,000 UC students¹;

WHEREAS, this access is leveraged and understood through the advocacy and mobilizing power of UC students and campus communities;

WHEREAS, the state and UC administration continues to harm vulnerable communities through criminalizing policies, divestments from public and community goods and services, investments in apartheid states, private interests, military etc²; failure to not just create new spaces within the structure of the university but rather redress existing structures developed and advanced through antiblack capitalist ideology

WHEREAS, an organization can not serve communities and build resistance and transformative change coalitions while simultaneously upholding the same power structures that created the conditions for vulnerable community positions and demand for solidarities in collective action³;

WHEREAS, the commitments made to various student communities, and communities that students are a part of regardless of the temporary institutionally recognized title of ‘student’, have gone neglected with little in the form of organizational accountability and responsibility to constituency on the part of UCSA;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Statewide Campus Organizing Director, Campus Action Chair, and Racial Justice Now Campaign Coordinator be included in relevant correspondence with UC Office of the President and relative campus administrators, working closely with the University Affairs and Government Relations Director in reviewing and advising in the advocacy of UC communities.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UCSA become a member of Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB)

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THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Racial Justice Now campaign chair will be funded by the board to attend *at minimum* the annual conference held by UCSA coalition partner, Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB) and empowered to actively correspond with relevant organization coalition partners and UC communities as pertinent to racial justice.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all committee chairs have monthly check-ins with the Racial Justice Now campaign chair

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the UCSA President have monthly check in calls with UCSA staff pertaining to correspondence with UCOP and/or related campus administration and communities.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, every report given by UCSA staff, committee chairs, Board Chair, and President should have a minimum of one line item pertaining to the work of racial justice.