



RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING UC HILL DAY

Date: May 6, 2018

Sponsor: Judith Gutierrez, President, UCSA

1. **WHEREAS:** The University of California Student Association (UCSA) is the official voice of over 270,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students at the University of California (UC); and
2. **WHEREAS:** UCSA is the primary advocate for UC students and seeks to advance the accessibility, affordability and quality of the UC system; and
3. **WHEREAS:** UCSA's Federal Relations Program has expanded in recent years, with students conducting up to four trips to Washington D.C. every year; and
4. **WHEREAS:** On these trips, students and UCSA staff meet with elected officials, legislative staff, officials from the current presidential administration, non-profit organizations, the UCOP Federal Government Relations Office, and other higher education stakeholders about relevant and timely policy issues impacting students; and
5. **WHEREAS:** Student participation in the federal legislative and rulemaking processes is an essential component to constructing effective solutions and boosting awareness of UC student needs in our nation's capital, especially with the climate created after the 2016 Presidential Election; and
6. **WHEREAS:** UCSA's federal advocacy efforts afford some of the most engaged students in the UC system an opportunity to learn about the national higher education landscape and develop effective leadership skills, receive training and experience in advocacy, and ensure the UC student voice is heard nationally; and
7. **WHEREAS:** The 2018 UC Hill Day was a historically unprecedented event which had nearly 60 UC students across all the campuses in Washington D.C., advocating for systemwide federal student priorities collectively on the same day; and
8. **WHEREAS:** UCSA's inaugural Hill Day consisted of an informative and engaging day of programming, intentionally centered around our federal student priorities, followed by a day of lobby visits on Capitol Hill; and
9. **WHEREAS:** UCSA's inaugural Hill Day was well received and proved to be essential in the fight for federal and state investment in financial aid programs, immigration reform, and other legislation benefiting current and incoming students; [1] therefore let it be

[1] <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/continuing-fight>



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1. **RESOLVED:** That UCSA values its Federal Relations program and recognizes the importance of continued federal advocacy efforts by UC students; and let it be further
2. **RESOLVED:** That UCSA establishes “UC Hill Day”, to be annually held during the month of April, as a critical addition to its Federal Relations Program and Advocacy efforts; and let it be further
3. **RESOLVED:** That UC Hill Day includes a day of programming that will consist of, but not be limited to, the following activities:
 - Guest Speakers
 - Federal Student Priorities Briefing
 - Interaction with current UCDC students
 - Exposure to professional development / leadership opportunities
 - Capturing student testimonials
 - Other programming meant to educate and prepare students on the issues they are lobbying for; and let it be further
4. **RESOLVED:** That each campus will send a student delegation to participate in UC Hill Day and begin any planning and preparation efforts with the UCSA Government Relations Chair, UCSA Government Relations Director, and campus government relations staff at the start of each academic year; and let it be finally
5. **RESOLVED:** That copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including but not limited to the following individuals:
 - All Incoming UCSA Board of Directors and Executive Leadership
 - Janet Napolitano, UC President
 - Chris Harrington, Associate Vice President of UC Federal Government Relations
 - Crystal Martinez, UC FGR Education Director
 - Helen Shapiro, UCDC Executive Director
 - Robin Holmes-Sullivan, Vice President of Student Affairs
 - Jerlena Griffin-Desta, Associate Vice President Student Development & Engagement
 - Eric Heng, Associate Director, Student Development & Engagement
 - Professional Federal Government Relations Staff of every UC Campus

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