

Whereas, Amnesty is a pardon granted by the government to those who have been wrongfully and inhumanely subjected to abuse, punishment and imprisonment for a political offense

Whereas, thousands of people across the world are imprisoned for sexual orientation, ethnic, national or social origin, language, sex, economic status, religious, or political beliefs

Whereas, 55 countries have arrested people for peaceful expression online in 2016

Whereas, 73 countries constitute identifying LGBT as illegal, and in 8 of which; identifying as LGBT is punishable by death

Whereas, Amnesty International has changed laws in dozens of countries on refugees, reproductive rights, LGBT equality, free speech, the death penalty, and other critical human rights issues

Whereas, Amnesty International is a leading advocate for human rights globally

Whereas, Amnesty International's The Write for Rights campaign is a global letter-writing campaign to convince government officials to support people experiencing human rights abuse

Whereas, the Write for Rights campaign uses collective action to put pressure on governmental authorities to take immediate action to help individuals who have been tortured, denied refuge, and imprisoned for speaking out against injustice

Whereas, Amnesty International freed 153 people in the last year who were wrongfully imprisoned

Whereas, this year's Write for Rights campaign is in support of 11 womxn human rights defenders

Whereas, the Write for Right supporters write two letters: 1) to the authority figures (i.e. the president, King, Queen, or head of police) who can make a tangible change happen and 2) to the person/group of people the campaign is fighting for

Whereas, Write for Rights is the biggest human rights event in the world with 5 million actions from more than 100 countries in support of the campaign in 2017

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, UCSA formally support the Write for Rights Campaign in the following ways:

- 1.) Each board member will write a letter as part of the campaign and 10 minutes of the next board meeting will be allocated to ensure this.
- 2.) Each EVP office will allocate 10 minutes of their next staff meeting to promote the fidelity of the campaign