Condemning the Blacklisting of Palestinian Activists and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Allies

WHEREAS; the impact that blacklisting has on students, including harassment, death threats, and the denial of employment and graduate opportunities,

WHEREAS; websites that blacklist students have contacted schools, law enforcement agencies, and employers to defame students and falsely slander them,

WHEREAS; students that have been blacklisted have faced a higher rate of violence,

WHEREAS; blacklisting discourages students and activists from speaking publicly, hindering their freedom of speech,

WHEREAS; the University of California (UC) system is a publicly funded entity which is obligated to protect students first amendment right,

WHEREAS; the UC system has previously issued condemnations to protect the first amendment right of students, and has the ability to do the same to blacklisting websites,

WHEREAS; the UC has previously condemned larger institutions than blacklisting websites,

WHEREAS; Palestinian activists and students are at risk of never being able to return to Palestine after being doxxed,

WHEREAS; Palestinian activists and students have been stopped at airports and denied entry into countries after having been blacklisted,

WHEREAS; the friends and family members of Palestinian students in Palestine have been targeted by the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) after being blacklisted,

WHEREAS; websites that blacklist Palestinian activists and students have a history of targeting BIPOC and Muslim students,

WHEREAS; blacklisting websites engage in defamation by falsely proclaiming Palestinian activists as “terrorists” and “anti-Semites,”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; UCSA formally condemns the Blacklisting of Palestinian students and activists on Canary Mission and similar blacklisting websites,

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT; UCSA advocates for President Michael V. Drake to meet with Palestinian student representatives on the matter of blacklisting students on campus,
LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT; UCSA demands that the UC Office of the President and UC Regents issue a formal condemnation of the blacklisting of Palestinian students and activists on Canary Mission and similar blacklisting websites to stand in solidarity with our BIPOC students, specifically our Palestinian students.