(Resolution to Amend Article II, Section 2, Subsection 12 of UCSA Bylaws Regarding the Duties of the Transfer Student Affairs Officer)
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WHEREAS, The UC Student Association Transfer Coalition has requested changes to the UCSA bylaws concerning the position of Transfer Student Affairs Officer, and;

WHEREAS, changes made will allow transfers on each campus to select representatives for the UCSA Transfer Coalition instead of EVP’s, and;

WHEREAS, these appointments may be made by the Transfer Representative on each campus, who may appoint themselves if they choose, and;

WHEREAS, The intentions here are twofold: transfers know who is doing the work to support our communities on campus and are in the best position to bring on members of the transfer coalition, and not specifically deeming the student government official transfer representative as the transfer coalition appointee allows more opportunity for leadership positions for transfers to take on in an environment where these opportunities are scarce, and;

WHEREAS, This amendment also removes the mandate that the transfer student affairs officer serve on the fund the UC campaign; while the budgetary priorities should be informed by a transfer perspective, this should be a priority when there are enough transfers on board to serve on every campaign, as every aspect of UCSA advocacy deserves transfer perspective.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the official bylaws of the UC Student Association shall be updated to represent the changes requested in this resolution as outlined in Appendix A.
Current language:
The Transfer Student Affairs Officer shall serve as the Board's primary advisor on transfer student issues. They shall serve on the Fund the UC campaign to inform the Board's budgetary priorities with a transfer perspective. They shall facilitate dialogues around transfer identity, experience, and representation at UCSA conferences. They shall chair a UC-wide transfer coalition that serves as an auxiliary entity of UCSA, on which a representative from each campus are selected by the External Vice President or the campus's equivalent and serve for a one-year term. The officer shall identify potential statewide coalition partners that support transfer student priorities to build collaborative relations and strengthen transfer representation in legislative and lobbying efforts. They shall help research transfer resources on each UC campus and set benchmarks to be pursued through advocacy for university and state funding.

Proposed New Language:
The Transfer Student Affairs Officer shall serve as the Board's primary advisor on transfer student issues. They shall facilitate dialogues around transfer identity, experience, and representation at UCSA conferences. They shall chair a UC-wide transfer coalition that serves as an auxiliary entity of UCSA, on which a representative from each campus is selected by the elected transfer representative of that UC Campus or the campus's equivalent and serve for a one-year term. The transfer representative may choose to appoint themselves to the coalition if an appointee is not identified. If there is not a designated transfer representative, the External Vice President, or the campus equivalent, may appoint a transfer student leader to serve on the coalition. The Transfer Student Affairs Officer shall identify potential statewide coalition partners that support transfer student priorities to build collaborative relations and strengthen transfer representation in legislative and lobbying efforts. They shall help research transfer resources on each UC campus and set benchmarks to be pursued through advocacy for university and state funding.

Requested Action:
Motion to approve proposed bylaw changes to the position of Transfer Student Affairs Officer