

SAMAHANG PILIPINO 40th ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Samahang Pilipino has advocated for Pilipin@** issues and underrepresented communities at UCLA for 40 years;[1]

WHEREAS, Samahang Pilipino established Samahang Pilipino Culture Night (SPCN), the first Pilipino Culture Night in the United States among colleges and universities to educate and empower students through learning about the Pilipin@ culture;[2]

WHEREAS, Samahang Pilipino established the retention project Samahang Pilipino Education and Retention (SPEAR) to proactively improve the retention rates of Pilipin@s at UCLA;[3]

WHEREAS, Samahang Pilipino established the access project Samahang Pilipino Advancing Community Empowerment (SPACE) to engage at-risk, historically underrepresented, under served high school and community college students and to support their efforts toward academic and personal achievement;[4]

WHEREAS, Samahang Pilipino has advocated for the rights and issues concerning Pinays and the rights of women;[5]

WHEREAS, Samahang Pilipino has advocated for the rights and issues of the Pilipin@ lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transsexual issues through Kabalikat and LGBT issues of other communities;[6]

WHEREAS, Samahang Pilipino has been integral in advocating for the cultural diversity of the UCLA campus community through its consistent support of Affirmative Action services and the Campaign for Pilipino Studies.[7]

WHEREAS, Samahang Pilipino has advocated for the rights and issues concerning the financial literacy of Pilipin@s;[8]

WHEREAS, Samahang Pilipino has educated and enriched not only the UCLA community but also the community of Los Angeles and United States about Pilipin@ culture and the Pilipin@ American experience;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the UCLA Undergraduate Student Association Council (USAC) recognizes the contributions of Samahang Pilipino's 40 years of existence and supports its programs and services that enrich the Pilipin@ community and the cultural diversity of UCLA.

THEREFORE, be it further resolved that USAC support and recognize the need for retention and access of Pilipin@s and further advocate for the need for Samahang Pilipino Education and Retention project, Samahang Pilipino Advancing Community Empowerment project, and Samahang Pilipino Culture Night.

THEREFORE, be it further and finally resolved that USAC acknowledge and affirm the 40 years of contributions and struggles of Samahang Pilipino to the Pilipin@ community at UCLA and the UCLA community at large.

[1] <http://samahang.org/Home.html>

[2] <http://spcnucla.tumblr.com/aboutspcn>

[3] Samahang Pilipino Education and Retention Budget Proposal

[4] Samahang Pilipino Advancing Community Empowerment Budget Proposal

[5] Samahang Pilipino Constitution

[6] Samahang Pilipino Constitution

[7] Samahang Pilipino Affirmative Action Taskforce Case Study

[8] <http://samahang.org/Campaign.html>

**@ denotes gender neutrality