

**A Resolution in Support of the College Diversity Requirement for the University of California,
Los Angeles**

WHEREAS, the University of California Los Angeles is one of two UC campuses without a requirement for the examination of diversity despite over 30 years of support and advocacy efforts by students, faculty and the UCLA community for the requirement; and

WHEREAS, Undergraduate Students Association Council passed the resolution to improve intergroup understanding and dynamics on the UCLA Campus in 2011 [1]; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Gene D. Block has explicitly stated that “Diversity is a core value of UCLA. It enables us to provide the kind of broad, enriching educational experience for which the university has long been known.” [2]; and

WHEREAS, A diversity-related course requirement for UCLA College undergraduates is an important component of our commitment to expose students to beliefs and backgrounds other than their own [2] [4]; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost, Scott L. Waugh and Chancellor Gene D. Block have asked the Office of Academic Planning and Budget to review the section of the Implementation Committee report on resource requirements and have assured that they are "fully committed to supporting new costs associated with the Diversity Requirement.” [3]; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the proposal for a Diversity Requirement was voted down despite widespread support from students; and

LET IT BE KNOWN that with overwhelming student, faculty and administration support, the time is now for this university to accept this proposal.

LET IT FURTHER BE KNOWN that with a total of 659 votes - 332 votes in favor, 303 opposed and 24 blank - the UCLA College of Letters and Science faculty approved the proposal for a diversity requirement. [4]

LET IT FURTHER BE KNOWN that on November 20, 2014, the Academic Senate’s Legislative Assembly voted to approve a College of Letters & Science Regulation Change for the Creation of a Diversity Requirement with a 85-18 vote. [5]

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Undergraduate Students Association Council will support and continue the efforts of the implementation of the Diversity Requirement that will take effect for incoming freshmen students in fall 2015 and incoming transfer students in fall 2017.

[1] https://www.usac.ucla.edu/documents/resolutions/resolution_dynamics.pdf

[2] <https://diversity.ucla.edu/chancellors-message>

[3] https://ccle.ucla.edu/pluginfile.php/694639/mod_resource/content/7/140910_Diversity%20Requirement%20Implementation.pdf

[4] <http://newsroom.ucla.edu/releases/ucla-college-faculty-approves-diversity-requirement>

[5] <http://dailybruin.com/2014/11/20/ucla-academic-senate-approves-diversity-related-course-requirement/>