

2018-2019 Support of Zero Hunger at UCLA

WHEREAS, the Student Food Access and Security Survey used the U.S. Department of Agriculture food security module to assess student food insecurity,¹

WHEREAS, the UC Global Food Initiative has stated that “forty-four percent of undergraduate students” are experiencing food insecurity,²

WHEREAS, food insecurity is defined as limited access to food or disrupted eating patterns due to limited resources,³

WHEREAS, food insecurity is also defined as reduced “quality, variety or desirability of diet,”⁴

WHEREAS, the Center of Disease Control has found a that lack of “adequate consumption of specific foods, such as fruits and vegetables,” deficits in nutrients, and hunger due to insufficient food intake is associated with lower grades, higher rates of absenteeism, repeating a grade, and an inability to focus among students.⁵

WHEREAS, food insecurity is also linked to poorer physical health and mental health issues including anxiety and depression⁶

WHEREAS, food insecurity is more prevalent among African American, Hispanic/Latino, LGBTQ and American Indian students, thus disproportionately affecting the academic performance of minority communities on campus.⁷

WHEREAS, the average college generates about 142 pounds of food waste per student each year in dining halls⁸

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the 2018-2019 Undergraduate Student Associated Council affirms its support for UCLA to become a Zero Hunger campus by 2025.

¹ https://www.ucop.edu/global-food-initiative/_files/food-housing-security.pdf

² https://www.ucop.edu/global-food-initiative/_files/food-housing-security.pdf

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⁵ https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/health_and_academics/pdf/health-academic-achievement.pdf

⁶ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5862931/>

⁷ https://www.ucop.edu/global-food-initiative/_files/food-housing-security.pdf

⁸ <https://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2015/02/27/389284061/when-food-is-too-good-to-waste-college-kids-pick-up-the-scrap>

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the 2018-2019 Undergraduate Student Associated Council strongly encourages Chancellor Gene D. Block to pass this Zero Hunger Policy, committing to ending hunger on campus by 2025 by redirecting unused and underused resources to food insecure students.

Resolution passed 4/23/19.