

A Resolution Calling for Academic Leniency for Students Impacted by the Invasion of Ukraine

WHEREAS, Russian military forces invaded Ukraine on Thursday, February 24, 2022, attacking Kyiv, the capital Ukraine, after the nation's failure to surrender their country to Russia's control,¹

WHEREAS, informants from the Pentagon have reported over a hundred missiles launched into Ukraine,²

WHEREAS, Putin's decision to advance Russian forces wields the potential to cause mass displacement of civilians in Ukraine and destroy the livelihoods of thousands,³

WHEREAS, the security of Ukrainians have been compromised by occupational advances from the north, east and south, attacking the grounds by air, sea and the land, which has led to a growing number of civilians at Poland's border fleeing the violence,⁴

WHEREAS, on Thursday February 24th, 2022, the Ukrainian president announced that 137 Ukrainian civilians and soldiers have been killed in addition to 316 wounded as a result of Russian invasion,⁵

WHEREAS, Russia's use of tactics of misinformation to the global community with regards to the trajectory of its advances in the name of "demilitarization and denazification" negatively impact local and global communication networks' ability to inform the public,⁶

WHEREAS, amidst unsettling uncertainty students are transitioning into the last few weeks of Winter quarter which is when course loads are typically heaviest with assignments and finals,

WHEREAS, students have families and relationships to those communities in Ukraine facing displacement, heavy military presence, and the mental and physical consequences of the invasion,

WHEREAS, students directly and indirectly impacted are unfairly expected to perform and prioritize schooling while under the immense stress of navigating how to support their loved ones impacted by the invasion,

¹ <https://www.cbsnews.com/live-updates/russia-ukraine-invasion-donbas-troops-today/>

² <https://www.vox.com/2022/2/23/22948534/russia-ukraine-war-putin-explosions-invasion-explained>

³ <https://www.vox.com/2022/2/23/22948534/russia-ukraine-war-putin-explosions-invasion-explained>

⁴ <https://www.vox.com/2022/2/23/22948534/russia-ukraine-war-putin-explosions-invasion-explained>

⁵ <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/ukraine-news-russia-war-deaths-b2022806.html>

⁶ <https://www.vox.com/2022/2/23/22948534/russia-ukraine-war-putin-explosions-invasion-explained>

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council urges the Academic Senate to encourage departments and instructors to provide academic leniency to students who need accommodations with regards to assignment submissions, flexible due dates, and other self-defined academic support,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate encourages instructors to disseminate resources to students in light of the uncertainty and impending implications of the invasion,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that administration provides counseling and wellness resources to students, staff, and faculty to process the events unfolding,

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council commits to continue their advocacy efforts for and with students impacted by the invasion.