

A Resolution Condemning the Military Coup in Myanmar and in Support of Burmese Students.

WHEREAS, the national elections in Myanmar have concluded and declared the ruling civilian party, the NLD, as the legitimate winners yet the military has refused to accept the outcome; and

WHEREAS, the civilian government leaders and affiliated officials were detained by the military on January 31st 2021 for unsubstantiated claims of election fraud; and

WHEREAS, the military has declared a state of emergency and installed an interim President from their party for one year, neglecting the democratic will of the Burmese people, and threatening to erase years of hard earned progress in democratic reform that Myanmar has achieved; and

WHEREAS, the newly installed military government has removed ministers and deputies from the Burmese government and installed their own loyalists; and

WHEREAS, the current political developments in Myanmar carries a painful reminder for the Burmese students who have lived under a brutal military regime for many years and have only began to enjoy the fruits of freedom and democracy since 2011;

WHEREAS, the newly installed military government have closed banks and frozen financial transactions, leaving students and their families unable to access funds, and jeopardizing their ability to continue their studies at UCLA; and

WHEREAS, the newly installed military government have imposed a communication blackout cutting off internet connection among other means hindering the ability of students back there to view course material, complete assignment, or access information; and

WHEREAS, Burmese students face increased stress and anxiety due to the lack of communication with their families back home making their fate unknown; and

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC condemns the military coup in Myanmar and asks UCLA administration to do the same;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC calls on the Dean of Students to continue offering support through these difficult times and facilitate the different accommodations Burmese students need with other departments and entities inside UCLA; and

FURTHER LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC calls on the Academic Senate and Departments to provide support and academic accommodation to affected students including but not limited to deadline extensions, workload reduction, and incomplete letter grades; and

FURTHER LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC calls on the Academic Senate to encourage departments to allow affected students flexibility with P/NP grading; and

FURTHER LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC calls on the professors teaching the classes of the affected students to show empathy and patience; and

FURTHER LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC calls on the Register Office to extend deadlines and refrain from placing financial holds caused by the inability of student paying fees due to evolving financial situation; and

FURTHER LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC calls on the Emergency Crisis Response Team to provide the necessary support to affected student including financial resources; and

FURTHER LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC calls Student Affairs and CAPS to provide priority support to affected students; and

FINALLY LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC reaffirms its support for Burmese students and asks other entities and departments and entities at UCLA to do so as well.