

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE USE OF INCREASED FUNDING TO EXPAND UCLA's COLLEGIATE RECOVERY SERVICES

WHEREAS, at UCLA the CRP¹ became a Student Recognized Organization in 2014 and an Institutionalized Program in the Bruin Resource Center in 2016;

WHEREAS, at UCLA 513 students indicated they were in recovery from alcohol or other drug use out of 3,931 total UC students in recovery who took the survey which is based on the American College Health Association National College Health Assessment, Spring 2021 that is administered every two years;

WHEREAS, at UCLA the Associate Director of Bruin Resource Center supports the CRP program but there are no full-time equivalent (FTE) dedicated staff;

WHEREAS, at UCLA the CRP² program provides institutional support for students in or interested in recovery while Bruins for Recovery provides peer support and includes members who are in long-term recovery from alcohol, drugs, or behavioral addictions, choose not to drink or use drugs, for any reason (e.g., personal preference, religious reasons, etc.), drink but want to support a healthy campus environment, have friends or family members who struggle with or are in long-term recovery from alcohol or drug addictions, use alcohol or drugs but might want to stop, use harm reduction with an outside medical provider or therapist, or just want to make a difference on campus and show their support;

WHEREAS, at UCLA 23,352 students reported the use of alcohol in their lifetime, 13,780 students reported the use of cannabis in their lifetime, 2,634 students reported the use of cocaine in their lifetime, 2,890 students reported the use of stimulants in their lifetime, 1,092 students reported the use of opioids in their lifetime, 385 students reported the use of Methamphetamine in their lifetime, and 224 students reported the use of heroin in their lifetime which is based on

¹ [UC Collegiate Recovery Programs Summary FINAL.pdf](#)

² <https://bruins-for-recovery.weebly.com>

the American College Health Association National College Health Assessment, Spring 2021 that is administered every two years;

WHEREAS, at UCLA 44,357 students reported the use of alcohol, cannabis, cocaine, stimulants, opioids, methamphetamine, or heroin in their lifetime which is based on the American College Health Association National College Health Assessment, Spring 2021 that is administered every two years;

WHEREAS, at UCLA approximately 62.5% of students reported the use of alcohol, cannabis, cocaine, stimulants, opioids, methamphetamine, or heroin in their lifetime out of all UC students who reported their use of these same substances in their lifetime which is based on the American College Health Association National College Health Assessment, Spring 2021 that is administered every two years;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that UCLA USAC, supports the establishment of a harm-reductionist approach as the standard of our system, recognizing recovery as an individualistic process for which there are multiple pathways;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, the UCLA USAC implores UCLA to employ at least one paid full-time professional who is dedicated to specifically overseeing the collegiate recovery program and supporting students in recovery, funded by an institutional operating budget which is ongoing and covers programmatic and staffing costs;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, the UCLA USAC, implores UCLA to have this collegiate recovery program recognize the importance of a low-barrier approach in promoting confidentiality, inclusivity, and accessibility in the face of the stigma surrounding substance abuse, with no general membership requirements for participation beyond an intrinsic desire to decrease problematic substance use.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, the UCLA USAC, urges campus administration to designate private, dedicated, accessible physical space on or near campus, managed by program staff, for students in recovery to gather and support one another;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, the UCLA USAC, recognizes the historical and ongoing harms of substance use — both direct and indirect — that disproportionately affects historically underserved communities (including, but not limited to, people of color and LGBTQ+ communities) and that CRPs commit to centering equity, inclusion, antiracism and cultural competence and humility in tangible and meaningful practices.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, the UCLA USAC, urges the CRP at UCLA to follow the standards outlined by the ARHE and the “CRP SYSTEM WIDE RECOMMENDATIONS” outlined in the June 2023 CRP Summary released by Graduate, Undergraduate And Equity Affairs;

THEREFORE LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Chancellor, the Provost, Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Vice Provost of Academic Affairs, UCLA Daily Bruin, and UCLA Newsroom