

Resolution to provide alternative spaces to the tenants of the Student Union and Redwood Buildings

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WHEREAS, the Student Union and Redwood Building serve as a central space for student government, student organizations, and engaging education to produce programs, provide meeting spaces, and build community for the student body; The Student Union is also the location of the SOAR office which serves over 150 student organizations and their members;

WHEREAS, the Student Union and Redwood Building is scheduled to be vacated for one year for seismic renovations, starting June 30, 2015;

WHEREAS, the proposed temporary site of the Student Union and Redwood Building is five trailers in the parking lot behind Crown College, a location known as the "Crown Pit"; This plan will reduce the space used by students from approximately 8,100 square feet to 2,500 square feet;

WHEREAS, this site is not close to bus lines or major pathways and will make it harder for students to hold meetings, work on projects, and access services; This site is isolated and not safe for students who meet and work in these buildings late at night;

WHEREAS, moving these facilities to a remote area will further decentralize the campus and marginalizes students and organizations which utilize the services available in those spaces;

WHEREAS, the SUA and SUGB believe that making these spaces and resources less available to students will lower retention rates of students;

WHEREAS, the Dean of Students, Alma Sifuentes, and her staff heading the seismic retrofit project, have proposed the "Crown Pit" as a tenable space before conducting space and functionality assessments of the Student Union buildings with the Student Union Governance Board and deemed the 'Crown Pit' as a suitable working environment due to the convenience of the trailers, that are currently there, being vacated by the end of this 2014-2015 school year;

WHEREAS, The Student Union Governance Board have been meeting on a weekly basis since the beginning of 2014/2015 academic year researching and providing alternative spaces that could be potentially used as the temporary spaces to house the tenants of the Student Union and Redwood buildings as well as providing non-negotiables to the Dean of Students;

WHEREAS, the student government and organizations do important work for the UCSC campus and their work should be respected and supported;

WHEREAS, students have yet to see a plan implemented to build a larger and more professional student union comparable to the one introduced in 2007/8;

WHEREAS, the Bay Tree Bookstore operates in \$500,000 deficit and can be scaled down to accommodate students and organizations;

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Student Union Assembly stand in opposition to moving the students, services, organizations, and programs of the Student Union and Redwood Building to the location known as the "Crown Pit";

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the SUA and SUGB call on the University, the Dean of Students, and Executive Vice chancellor Galloway to relocate students and organizations to viable options that include but are not limited to the location of the BayTree Bookstore and offices within Kerr Hall;

THEREFORE, let it be further resolved that SUA has supported SUGB's governance and demands that SUGB remains the sole governance body over the redwood buildings throughout the renovation period and in the future;

THEREFORE, let it further be resolved that a temporary site be secured by the campus that supports students and their work by offering space that is accessible, safe, functional and professional, central and/or close to bus lines and major pathways, and of comparable size;

THEREFORE, be it finally resolved that the 6 officers of the Student Union Assembly draft a letter to the Dean of Students on behalf of the assembly and themselves to stand in solidarity with SUGB and the student organizations as well as wanting all tenants, including SUA, to be treated fairly in the process of finding temporary space.