

**Resolution in Support of the Support Student Governed Spaces Referendum
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WHEREAS the Student Life Facility Fee was passed in 1985 for the purpose of building and supporting a variety of student life facilities including the Redwood Building, Student Union and Student Media Center (hereafter called Student Governed Spaces); and

WHEREAS the SLFF currently \$30/per student per quarter generates approximately \$1,464,930 annually; and

WHEREAS the \$30 fee is used as follows: approximately \$9.50 for the debt service (construction of facilities), approximately \$7.20 for reserves for major repairs and upgrades, and approximately \$13.30 for facility operations and maintenance, which is then split a ratio of 70% for OPERS and 30% for SUGB; and

WHEREAS the SLFF is set to “sunset” Fall 2017; and

WHEREAS the Student Union Governance Board (SUGB) is a student board that oversees the portion of the SLFF that funds the Student Governed Spaces; and

WHEREAS the SUGB represents student voice from across campus and diverse communities, its membership is comprised of representatives of student organizations, college governments and student centers¹; and

WHEREAS the SUGB has displayed responsible governance of the buildings and use of student fees for over 17 years; and

WHEREAS the SUGB has found that the students should no longer pay the full amount of \$30 for the SLFF once the debt service is paid off in Fall 2017; and

WHEREAS the SUGB determined that given the changes that have occurred since 1985, an extension or amendment of the SLFF is not appropriate; and

WHEREAS the Student Governed Spaces provide resources and spaces for Student-Initiated activities, organizations², and programs with over 56,000 visits per year; and

¹ The African/Black Student Alliance (A/BSA), Asian/Pacific Islander Student Alliance (APISA), College Representatives, Engaging Education, Filipino Student Alliance (FSA), Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlan (MEChA), Student Organization Services Advising & Resources (SOAR), Student Media Council, Student Alliance of North American Indians (SANAI), The Bike Co-op and Student Union Assembly;

² Student organizations with offices or production space in the SGS currently include: A/BSA, Alay, APISA, Banana Slug News, Chinquapin, City on a Hill Press, Engaging Education, EyeCandy Film Journal, Film Production Coalition, Fish Rap Live!, FSA, Gaia Magazine, Leviathan Jewish Journal, Matchbox Magazine, MEChA, On The Spot, Rainbow TV, Red Wheelbarrow, SANAI, Scientific Slugs, SCTV, SUA, TWANAS.

WHEREAS the largest Student Governed Space, the Student Union, provides all students a space to meet, take breaks, access computers, play games, study, and participate in programs; and

WHEREAS the “sunset” of the SLFF will leave these valuable resources without needed funding to operate; and

WHEREAS the SUGB reviewed and analyzed its budget and the future requirements of operating the Student Governed Spaces; and

WHEREAS the SUGB voted to create and run a referendum that would provide the Student Governed Spaces with the necessary funding to continue these valuable spaces; and

WHEREAS the SUGB assessed that \$6.70 per quarter per student would be the lowest amount to be used for the maintenance, operation, reserves, and programs of Student Governed Spaces; and

WHEREAS \$6.70 per quarter is approximately the amount students currently pay into the SLFF for the maintenance, operations, reserves, and programs of the Student Governed Spaces; and

WHEREAS SUGB voted unanimously to include and add \$3.30 for Return to Aid to assist all students who are on financial aid to cover the expense of this fee; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Union Assembly is in support and sponsors the Support Student Governed Spaces Referendum that the undergraduate students of UCSC vote to provide funding to maintain the Student Union, Student Media Center and Redwood Building open and operating for all students, by establishing a new fee of \$10.00 per student per quarter beginning Fall 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SUGB will continue to serve and provide a safe space for all students, through collective decision making and budgeting and will uphold and protect the interests of students through democratic means; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this fee may be reduced or eliminated per the UCSC Policy and Procedures Governing Campus Elections, Section IV.D