

A Resolution in Support of the Establishment of a Student Food Co-Op

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WHEREAS, the 1996 World Food Summit stated, “Food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life”¹; and

WHEREAS, food security consists of three pillars: availability of sufficient quantities of food, access to obtain appropriate foods for a nutritious diet, and use of basic nutrition and care²; and

WHEREAS, 31% of Americans have had to choose between paying for food or their education, 51% choose between paying for housing or for their food, and 79% rely on cheaper, unhealthy options³; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, 1 in 5 students throughout the University of California said that they skipped meals often or very often. This number did not include graduate students⁴; and

WHEREAS, at the University of California, Berkeley, 28% of students said that they skipped meals to save money⁵; and

WHEREAS, financial aid packages do not properly account for standards of living. At the University of California, Berkeley, the average financial aid package allocated \$286.70 for the academic year;⁶ and

WHEREAS, a student food co-op will bring sustainable and affordable food options to the UCLA community; and

¹ <http://www.fao.org/forestry/13128-0e6f36f27e0091055bec28ebe830f46b3.pdf>

² “UC Food Access & Security” by Ruben E. Canedo

³ <http://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/our-research/hunger-in-america/?referrer=https://www.google.com/>

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WHEREAS, a student food co-op will work with the bulk buying club Student Food Collective at UCLA which buys fresh produce and perishable goods that are cheaper than market value; and

WHEREAS, a student food co-op will create an inclusive environment for those facing food insecurity and will connect students with educational and financial resources that will promote food security.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council supports the establishment of a Student Food Co-Op at the University of California, Los Angeles.