A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AFRIKAN STUDENT UNION’S LIST OF DEMANDS

WHEREAS, Black students across the diaspora represent 4.8 of the student population on campus;

WHEREAS, Black students have the lowest retention rates and exposure to resources on campus;

WHEREAS, Black students are unable to identify the entity or individual responsible for investigative responsibilities of campus climate as a whole within administration;

WHEREAS, the administration has dismissed the Afrikan Student Union’s constant demands to address and eliminate anti-Blackness and racism on campus. Measures to uphold retention rates and establishing UCLA’s ethnic studies centers have been led by unpaid Black students, rather than administration. The institution has failed to provide a space of openness and inclusion, in regards to the Afrikan Student Unions 2016-2017 demands and addressing incidents of anti-Blackness.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) urges UCLA’s administration to prioritize the well-being and success of Black individuals in order to sustain UCLA’s Black population. The USAC asks UCLA, as an institution, to provide needed resources, support, and funding in order to sufficiently service its Black community;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USAC exhorts UCLA’s administration to act immediately and with full effort to work with students to meet the proposed list of demands and finally serve students adequately;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USAC supports the establishment of a Black Bruin Resource Center on campus;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USAC urges UCLA administration to establish a $40M endowment to fund the center and the different resources it will provide;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USAC compels UCLA administration to establish an anti-discriminatory policy and mandatory training with appropriate repercussions for policy infractions;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USAC urges the UCLA administration to establish a committee or position responsible for investigations pertaining to student-unto-student acts of discrimination and anti-Blackness;
LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USAC supports the relocation or adjustment of the Afrikan Diaspora Floor (Black Student Housing) to meet the needs of Black students;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USAC supports a name change of Campbell Hall to Carter-Huggins Hall;

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council stands in firm solidarity with all of the Afrikan Student Union’s demands. The USAC will not accept UCLA’s continuous negligence, lack of support, engagement, and effort with the Black community; the USAC demands more.

Resolution Passed April 2019.