

## ***A Resolution in Support of Student-Initiated Access and Retention***

**WHEREAS**, the Campus Retention Committee (CRC) is currently housed within the Community Programs Office, and is a student-majority committee that was started in the 1988-1989 academic year using the Special Education Membership Fee passed in 1969.

**WHEREAS**, the Student Initiated Outreach Committee (SIOC) is currently housed within the Community Programs Office, and is a student-majority committee that was started in the 1999-2000 academic year following the passage of the CARE Referendum in Spring 1999.

**WHEREAS**, both the CRC and the SIOC receive student fees, with the CRC receiving \$1,434,314.28 and the SIOC receiving \$1,276,276.29, fees collected from various referendums passed by the student body.<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the 2019-2020 Undergraduate Students Association Council was made aware of concerns by appointments to each committee of administrative overstep by the Community Programs Office throughout the year. This overstep contradicted the student-initiated, student-ran aspects of each committee. This included lack of showing the committees how much in student fees each committee collects.

**WHEREAS**, on November 19, 2019 the USAC sent both the CRC and the SIOC a letter asking for three years of budgets to be presented at a council meeting, the budgets to be posted online, and the meeting minutes for the past year be posted online to be accessible to the student body. The USAC asked for the CRC and SIOC to present the budgets at the January 7th and January 14th council meetings, respectively.<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, these requests made to the committees were not completed, and the administrative representatives for each committee let the USAC know the day they were supposed to give the presentations they needed more time. No potential date was ever communicated to the USAC, even after the USAC appointments to each committee consistently asked for a set timeline.<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, following the lack of communication and continual lack of communication a letter published by student organizations and signed on by USA Councilmembers was released, calling for accountability from the Community Programs Office, the CRC, and SIOC. This letter was later unanimously endorsed by the USAC.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://usac.ucla.edu/docs/budget.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://usac.ucla.edu/docs/minutes.2019-11-19.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://imgur.com/a/meKALHa>

<sup>4</sup> <https://usac.ucla.edu/docs/minutes.2020-03-03.pdf>

**WHEREAS**, after no communication occurred from the committees or CPO administration following these concerns being brought up, the USAC voted to release the student fees to the committees pending the receipt of the three years of budgets that had been previously asked.<sup>5</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the Thursday following this decision taken by the USAC, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Campus Life Mick Deluca sent the USAC preliminary budget reports that were roughly one page in length for the entirety of the academic year for each committee. Such budget reports were deemed entirely inadequate by the USAC.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the USAC re-emphasizes the importance of reinstating the student-initiated, student-run aspects of both the SIOC and CRC.

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the USAC is entirely unsatisfied with the culture of non-communication between the Community Programs Office and the USAC.

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the USAC calls on the Community Programs Office to reveal the entirety of the SIOC and CRC funds to their respective committees.

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that it is unacceptable for the Statements of Understanding between the SIOC and USAC/Student Affairs and CRC and USAC/Student Affairs to be continuously violated.

**FINALLY LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such violations have taken place both in the form of the defiance by the CPO to comply with its mandate to present these committees' budgets to the USAC, and in the form of the CPO's altering of the function and structure of the committees without required USAC approval. Such deviations have moved funding and authority away from the student-initiated, student-run committees, and into the hands of the Community Programs Office administration.

<sup>5</sup> <https://usac.ucla.edu/docs/minutes.2020-03-10.pdf>