

Resolution in Support of California Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 5

WHEREAS, The University of California Board of Regents should represent student interests and guarantee that the needs of students are heard,

WHEREAS, The University of California system includes more than 280,000 students;

WHEREAS, Representation at the University of California Board of Regents includes only one student regent amongst 25 other board members;

WHEREAS, Two seats on the Board of Regents should always be held for students;

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees for the California State University includes two students nominated by the governor as trustee with full voting capabilities;

WHEREAS, The Board of Governors for the California Community Colleges have started the initiative to incorporate two student representatives prior to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, The student regent is the foundational access point into the realities students face;

WHEREAS, The student regent helps guide the Board of Regents to advocate for policies that align more closely with the struggles the students incur;

WHEREAS, Student regents undergo a thorough and competitive recruiting process involving an application and multiple interviews to ensure their dedication to the position;

WHEREAS, Student regents have a one year “student regent-designate” position in which they shadow the current student regent which gives them the expertise and knowledge to effectively serve as student regent the following year;

WHEREAS, Several board committees meet simultaneously and conflict with student schedules;

WHEREAS, Students would have more opportunities for recognition at discussions of different committee agendas;

WHEREAS, the Government Relations Committee of UCSA recently endorsed SCA 5;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC calls for the permanent designation of two voting seats on the Board of Regents for students;

1. <https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/board-of-trustees/Pages/about-the-bot.aspx>
2. <https://dailybruin.com/2020/08/18/how-the-board-of-regents-governs-the-uc-while-welcoming-student-participation>

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that the UCLA Undergraduate Student Association supports California Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 5 and calls on all levels of UCLA administration to support it as well.

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