

## **A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT BURMESE STUDENTS AND THE PEOPLE OF MYANMAR**

**WHEREAS**, the national elections have concluded and declared the ruling civilian party, the NLD, as the legitimate winners yet the military has refused to accept the outcome; and

**WHEREAS**, the Myanmar military (hereinafter referred to as the “Tatmadaw”) staged a coup against the civilian government on February 1, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tatmadaw has declared a state of emergency and installed an interim President from their party for one year, neglecting the democratic will of the Burmese people, and threatening to erase years of hard earned progress in democratic reform that Myanmar has achieved; and

**WHEREAS** over 700 civilians, including children, have been murdered, over 4496 have been arrested since coup and over 3448 have been detained and/or sentenced by the Tatmadaw since the February coup; and

**WHEREAS**, the newly installed military government have closed banks and frozen financial transactions, leaving students and their families unable to access funds, and jeopardizing their ability to continue their studies across UC universities; and

**WHEREAS**, the newly installed military government have imposed a communication blackout cutting off internet connection among other means hindering the ability of students back there to view course material, complete assignment, or attend classes; and

**WHEREAS** Burmese diaspora students in the United States face high levels of stress and anxiety due to the uncertainty of the current and future well-being of family members and/or people of Burma back home; and

**WHEREAS**, Burmese students in Burma face extreme country conditions, such as the threat of the Tatmadaw entering their homes and threat of being shot or arrested wherever they go, that complicate their ability to keep up with their studies; and

**WHEREAS**, Burmese students face an increasing frustration with the lack of public support of the Burmese people and its peaceful struggle for democracy from their respective academic institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, UC Los Angeles, has provided the necessary academic, financial, and mental health relief and resources for its Burmese students; and

**WHEREAS**, UC Los Angeles has failed to release a public statement to condemn the atrocities happening in Myanmar and support the Burmese people, including its students, and their peaceful struggle for democracy.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, UC Los Angeles releases a public statement condemning the coup and standing in solidarity with the Burmese students; and

**FURTHER LET IT BE RESOLVED**, UC Los Angeles continues offering support through these difficult times and actively facilitate the different accommodations Burmese students need with other departments and entities inside UC Los Angeles; and

**FURTHER LET IT BE RESOLVED**, UC Los Angeles allow affected students flexibility with P/NP grading; and

**FURTHER LET IT BE RESOLVED**, UC Los Angeles calls on the professors teaching the classes of the affected students to show empathy and patience; and

**FINALLY LET IT BE RESOLVED**, UC Los Angeles reaffirms its support for Burmese students.