

# 75th Senate

Winter Session



# S.R. 1-501A

Resolution

## A Resolution Implementing the President's Executive Order 01-21-2025

A resolution, motioned onto the 75th Senate floor by **Senator Eemaan Wahidullah**, seconded by **Senator Dan Siddiqui**, to implement the President's recent Executive Order 01-21-2025.

### *Student sponsors:*

*Eric Carlson, Attorney General, Chemistry B.S.*

*Caroline Lankarani, Off-Campus Senator, Alejandra Martinez, Off-Campus Senator,*

*Noura Elkhatib, Off-Campus Senator,*

### *Bill Type:*

Organizational

### *Voting Threshold:*

50%+1

### *Fiscal Impact:*

\$0

***Whereas***, the President authorized an executive order in the first month of 2025<sup>1</sup>; and,

***Whereas***, students are already suffering from the devastation of the fires, and it is impacting their academic careers, namely in the arena of attendance, focus, and fortitude; and,



<sup>1</sup>  Executive Order 01-07-2025

*Whereas*, UCSB admin must be made aware of the effect the dangers on the students' families is having on their state, as it is leading to reduced attendance in lecture and section; and,

*Whereas*, this legislation is calling for leniency and excusal of students from certain attendance regulations, whether it be by increasing the number of excused absences allowed in a given quarter, or relying more strongly on homework grades, etc.; and,

*Whereas*, the Associated Students Senate sees an opportunity to provide direct financial relief to students affected by assisting the President in more clearly enumerating the structure of the Task Force; and,

*Whereas*, the purpose of this legislation is to guide the implementation of the President's Executive Order, and to ensure that the resources generated are distributed to the student, area, or community of the greatest need; and,

*Therefore, be it resolved by the Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled*, hereby:

1. Direct all Executive Officers to reach out to UCSB administration to urge professors, lecturers, and their teaching assistants to express leniency for students affected by the LA County wildfires in regards to classroom attendance, and to more broadly protect educational outcomes.

*Therefore, be it resolved by the Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled*, the following organizational structure for the President's plan will be established as follows:

§1. Disaster Response Task Force

A) Charge and Mission Statement:

- 1) The Disaster Response Task Force is the central element of the Associated Students relief efforts for UCSB students negatively affected by the LA County wildfires. The Task Force is the designated entity responsible for connecting students with resources to help coordinate the distribution of financial aid, housing support, food assistance, and academic accommodations. It will oversee implementing donation drives, ensure resources are distributed effectively, and provide a clear structure for students to get involved in helping their collegiate community.

B) Membership:

- 1) Coordinators (4)

- 2) Any attending BCU Chair
  - 3) Any attending AS Staff representative
  - 4) Any attending student-at-large representative
  - 5) One (1) Career Staff Member
  - 6) One (1) Student Employee from the A.S. Administrative Office
- C) Members will be appointed by the AS President, Nayali Broadway, and AS Executive Director, Marisela Marquez.
- D) Members will have meetings as needed, keeping a record of items voted on by the body, and including a financial disclosure of relevant accounts in the meeting minutes.
- E) Members duties:
- 1) Coordinators will establish a line of communication with AS entities to invite them to participate in donating money and goods to the Task Force for distribution to centers located in LA County.
    - a) Coordinators will invite SEAL entities to consider donating unused goods to the Task Force.
  - 2) Put out a call for proposals, volunteers to help review proposals, and to help advertise the Financial Crisis Response Team and its resources.
  - 3) Centralize all forms of communication with Associated Students regarding the LA County Wildfires and any subsequent relief efforts made.
  - 4) Organize programming seeking to foster community for students, encourage giving and philanthropy to organizations that need it, and to advertise services being provided.
  - 5) Closely monitor the amount of money donated as a result of programming and money accessed by students through the Financial Crisis Response Team, and keep the President, Executive Director, and Senate informed.
  - 6) Record and submit minutes in line with Associated Students' and University policies and guidelines.
  - 7) Information for the public, applications, and resources will be made accessible and kept up-to-date by appointed members.
  - 8) The Career Staff and Student Employee will work together on paperwork related to documentation and help corroborate operational information.
- F) Certification of financial affairs:

- 1) All applications for funding must be met with unanimous approval of the Task Force, or with executive approval from the President or Executive Director.
- 2) All allocations and distribution of material goods will be approved by 50%+1, after a comprehensive discussion regarding all possible options.
  - a) This does not include financial disbursement.
- 3) For programming or event planning purposes, approval by a simple majority (50%+1) is required for any event to be sponsored by the Task Force.
- 4) Partnerships with local non-profit organizations require a 50%+1 approval from the Task Force.
  - a) The Task Force can help partners raise money, but cannot directly financially contribute without prior approval from the Senate, the President, or the Executive Director.
  - b) Members of the Task Force, such as coordinators, employees, staff advisors, or volunteers, may not vote on Task Force financial affairs, if they are a member of the partnered non-profit organization.
    - 1) If members are associated with the non-profit, a conflict of interest form filled out with relevant information per Policy 15 will be filled out and put on record in the Executive Director's office.

*Therefore, be it resolved by the Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled,* the format of the Executive Order and this outline will be used as templates for future disasters affecting students. This resolution is subject to reaffirmation at the start of the 76th Senate. If no reaffirmation is made prior to the start of the new Fiscal Year on July 1st, all monies stored in the temporary sub account will be distributed to the Financial Crisis Response Team to be directed to students in need, earmarked for students materially or otherwise severely impacted by wildfires in the State of California.

**This bill was introduced on the 29th of January, 2025.**