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Resolution on the UC Safety Initiative and University of California Police

Department (UCPD)

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A resolution urging the Regents of the University of California to defund and disarm the University of California Police departments and contract private security, for the safety of students and betterment of University campus climate and culture. The University of California Office of the President must take steps to readily advance this issue of public concern outside of slipshod policy recommendations and post dated commitments. The University system's latest iteration of safety proposals do not actualize support for Black and Indigenous students of color as racialized violence and police brutality continue to surge. As we strive for more diverse and inclusive campuses, we must redress campus policing and the resulting campus climate. As the University must significantly decrease policing budgets and redistribute these funds to student services, and the community-led development of alternative means for campus safety. The current system-wide plan lacks a principled understanding of students facing issues around campus safety and climate.

WHEREAS, the legacy of policing is steeped in racial terror and the continued disenfranchisement that disproportionately affects Black, African American, African, Afro Caribbean/ Latinx and Chicanx and Indigenous communities; and,

WHEREAS, UCPD has a history of racialized violence and police brutality, including excessive force, surveillance, and racial profiling; and,

WHEREAS, the UC Office of the President released a 2019 Report of the Presidential Task Force on University-wide Policing¹, which outlines basic metrics that individual campuses have failed to establish; and,

WHEREAS, the ²University California Office of the President's 2021 UC Community Safety Plan fails to address the concerns and history of University of California Police in an effort to forgo institutional responsibility to safeguard student safety and well being; and suggest a blatant disinterest in sincere community building,

¹ UCOP 2019 Report of the Presidential Task Force on Universitywide Policing: https://www.ucop.edu/policing-task-force/policing-task-force-report_2019.pdf

² UC Community Safety Plan 2021: <https://www.ucop.edu/community-safety-plan/>



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WHEREAS, the UC system has a history of organizing action initiated by Black students, Indigenous students, and other students of color (BIPOC) to pressure student leadership, staff, faculty and administration to improve the experiences of historically marginalized communities, and commit to investing in cultural centers and resources; and,

WHEREAS, the most recent iteration of this attempt stalls forward thinking efforts to establish best practices that center student needs and interests,

WHEREAS, the UC Student Association, UC Graduate and Professional Council, and UC Council of Presidents have produced such frameworks and ³recommendations that support basic needs and holistic structures for student safety and wellness,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this body maintains a stance critical of University of California Police Department,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Chancellors establish efforts outside of UCPD Police Accountability Boards to remedy concerns of the University of California Police department with discussion from both the bodies of University of California Student Association, it's coalition partners, and University of California Office of the President;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that universal crime incident reporting tools and newly implemented Racial and Identity Profiling act (RIPA) data be made available to the public outside of Department of Justice collection and without formal request (Freedom of Information Act request, or general public records request) in a clear and accessible format;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of California immediately establish a universal protocol for reporting instances of police abuse and violence, racial bias, and discrimination individuals within the protected class established by 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title 7; citing the murders and suspicious deaths of Black learners across the CSU, California Private Colleges and Universities; and the continued violence at UC campuses;⁴

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that implementation guidelines 1.8, 1.9, 1.10, 3.1, and 3.2 (all) from the UC Community Safety Plan be wholly implemented with student safety and anonymity at its core;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, University of California Police Department, individual campuses and system, maintain its commitment on disarmament and demilitarization, and change

³ RE: Student Response to Proposed Presidential Campus Safety Plan, June 2021
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_GXo52s5Co54qfRzK7_G5XGBvx0a40ublhs42Dhv5wQ

⁴ UC Student Association Resolution, July 2016. [Systemwide Action on Campus Violence](#)



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radically it's response models involving armed officers for a community-centric campus safety model.



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