

SENATE RESOLUTION
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TITLE	Solidarity with International Students

WHEREAS, last reported in 2019, the University of California, Riverside (UCR) has around [2,050 international students](#), with about 833 in the undergraduate program. The number of international students attending the University of California, Riverside has only grown over the last several years;

WHEREAS, University of California, Riverside will extend its use of [remote](#) instruction during the Spring 2021 quarter and remain using online formats for classes, including both synchronous and asynchronous Zoom lectures and sections;

WHEREAS, the use of live Zoom lectures have little consideration for students outside of the Pacific Standard Time Zone (PST), and the abnormal sleep schedules of International students across our campus community, exacerbated during COVID and remote instruction, may have short and long-term health [consequences](#);

WHEREAS, even under [regular](#) circumstances, international students are [more prone to mental disorders](#) (e.g., depression), struggling with the local medical system, and more likely to face additional cultural stigmas in seeking psychological services than their domestic peers

WHEREAS, International students must pay higher tuition rates due to their non-resident status, with little to no help with financial services from [federal services](#), and can not take advantage of resources such as office hours, tutoring, and resource centers

WHEREAS, International students do not receive a [stimulus package/ CARE stimulus check](#) from their University and rely on University aid

WHEREAS, International students may not have access to a safe learning environment. International students' basic needs are not always met, including but not limited to food insecurity, living expenses, housing insecurity, financial struggles, and more

WHEREAS, International students face linguistic barriers that hinder their navigation of campus services. Psychological and wellness services operate on a set schedule that do not accommodate students with different time zones.

WHEREAS, International students face monumental cultural and time differences that has increasingly difficult for them to attend synchronous classes, socialize with their peers, and seek out to faculty for help

WHEREAS, International students have to constantly worry about their student visas as previous presidential administration attempted to [revoke their right to be in the US](#) for higher education purposes

WHEREAS, International students have to maintain good academic standing requirements and [legal requirements](#) for them to legally stay and study in the United States

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That The Associated Students of UC Riverside -

- (1) Will like to adhere to the following solutions proposed by The Associated Students of UC Berkeley:
 - (a) All faculty members make an asynchronous option available for students without penalizing them for not attending any synchronous lectures, including BOTH the lectures and the sections, and flexible exam times. The faculty should also make lecture/section hours and office hours that caters to all time zones to the best of their abilities. Faculty members should also reaffirm student wellness by acknowledging that students might have different time zones, dealing with personal matters, and by stating campus resources available for all students.
 - (b) Call on the academic senate to stand with international students and to strongly encourage the faculty members to accommodate all students and their needs.
- (2) *Let It Be Further Resolved* that all professors will identify all the international students in the beginning of their courses so they can provide them equitable treatment
 - (a) This equitable treatment for international students can be defined as accommodating their times for office hours, being lenient with the submission times for assignments, and making participation non-mandatory.
- (3) *Let It Be Further Resolved* that the academic senator and professors will refer back to the resolution [SR-F20-008 Proposition to Make Live Participation Non-Mandatory](#) and implement the changes demanded back in Fall quarter 2020.
- (4) *Let It Be Finally Resolved* that the ASUCR Senate will get in contact with their Deans to discuss how faculty members and professors are identifying and accommodating international students.

Cc:

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4. Dean of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
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6. Dean of the School of Medicine
7. Dean of the School of Public Policy
8. Dean of the School of the Graduate School of Education
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