

February 3, 2021

Shane White, Chair
Academic Senate

Dear Chair White,


I am writing in response to the request to review the *Graduate Student Association (GSA)/Undergraduate Student Association Council (USAC) Resolution for Graduate and Professional Equity at UCLA*.

The Council was joined by GSA President, Electrical Engineering doctoral candidate Jean Paul Santos, at its meeting on January 29, 2021, to present the resolution and discuss ways in which the university can provide the necessary support services and structures to help graduate and professional students thrive. By a unanimous vote (13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions; GSA Reps: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions), the Graduate Council endorsed the resolution and recommends approval by the Executive Board.

The Graduate Council fully supports the resolution and recognizes that graduate and professional students are critical members of the university, integral to the research enterprise, and provide invaluable teaching support. The Graduate Council also fully supports the creation of a permanent campus task force/committee whose charge would be to create a strategy to better serve graduate and professional students. The Graduate Council will provide faculty representatives from its Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Well-being Committee membership to serve on the campus taskforce/committee and looks forward to working with campus partners on this important initiative.

If have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact me via Graduate Council Analyst, Estrella Arciba, at earciba@senate.ucla.edu.

Sincerely,



Andrea Kasko, Chair
Graduate Council