

Resolution for the Student Affairs Committee
“The Student Union Building”

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Whereas

in November of 2016, the City of Los Angeles passed Measure CC with \$3.3 billion in funds for the nine community colleges in LACCD for facility construction and renovation in which students are one of the biggest stakeholder groups in the decision-making process of the use of the funds,

Whereas

as LACCD puts it: the purpose of the funds is "to create first class learning facilities that support current enrollment and increased enrollment in the years to come,"

Whereas

the LACCD assesses the student union as a core student support service for projects to be considered for Measure CC funds,

Whereas

there are multiple colleges throughout the LACCD that currently do not have a student center/ student union building,

Whereas

a student union building/student center is a location for students to converge where they can eat, socialize, network, study, and relax, and also serves as the central hub for student activities, and

Whereas

a lack of such a facility inhibits an all-encompassing vibrant student life, which is something that directly impacts college reputation, first year enrollment, student persistence, student success, and an engaged campus culture from faculty to the student body, so let it be

Resolved

that the Student Affairs Committee urges the LACCD Board of Trustees to recognize the importance of student unions and student centers, their significant role they play in the overall success of a student, and the potency to affect future enrollment, be it further

Resolved

that the Student Affairs Committee calls for the construction and/or renovations of student union buildings/student centers throughout all of the district colleges with use of Measure CC funding, be it further

Resolved

that the Student Affairs Committee calls for the prioritization of construction projects that directly impacts student life such as but not limited to: dining, student life, and student union.