The Graduate Assembly

Resolution # 1410E

Resolution to Advocate for the Development Office / Chancellor to Expand Fundraising Efforts to Support Student Services and the Student Experience

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WHEREAS the Development Office (fundraising arm of UC Berkeley) has historically prioritized fundraising for capital projects, faculty endowments, and scholarships; and

WHEREAS although students appreciate improved facilities, cherish our endowed faculty members, and benefit immensely from scholarships -there is a severe lack of services that impact the lived day-to-day experience of both the undergraduate and graduate student population; and

WHEREAS services that impact mental health, students with disabilities, international students, underserved communities, and the general wellness of students are in dire need of improvement; and

WHEREAS student fees have reached record heights and services that are vital to the student experience (e.g. mental health counseling, alternative therapies, nutritional classes, recreation, etc.) are far below the need and out of reach for what students can afford; and

WHEREAS the ASUC and GA Wellness Work Group is advocating that the critical first step toward creating a healthier campus culture of wellness is to link fundraising efforts with services that support the student experience; and

WHEREAS investing in the student experience can reap long term benefits. For example, the Walter Jr. Haas supported Equity & Inclusion Innovation Grant program has proven instrumental in shifting the campus climate for the better. Students wish to expand this type program ten-fold with our many philanthropic friends; and

WHEREAS allowing alumni to support the lived day-to-day experience of the student serves to strengthen the entire Cal family while also generating new meaningful ways to support UC Berkeley; therefore be it...
RESOLVED GA is advocating that the campus (Chancellor and Development Office) should prioritize fundraising efforts to support student services for both undergraduate and graduate students; and be it further

RESOLVED the GA Executive staff will invite students to take part in a future meeting of the GA and ASUC with the Chancellor to consider strategies and advocate for the need to fundraise for student services; and be it further

RESOLVED the GA will request a meeting (in the most appropriate channel) with Scott Biddy (Vice Chancellor of Relations) for students to raise awareness; and be it

RESOLVED the GA is encouraging the campus to create a development officer position ‘for the student experience’ who will actively champion fundraising efforts to improve student services.