University of California Student Association A Resolution in Support of Net Neutrality: A Free and Open Internet

WHEREAS, net neutrality is the principle that Internet service providers and governments should treat all data on the Internet equally, not discriminating or charging differentially by user, content, site, platform, application, type of attached equipment, and modes of communication. Over a hundred companies and organizations have come out in support of net neutrality including: Amazon, ACLU, Google and the Greenlining Institute; and,

WHEREAS, internet service providers (ISPs) including, but not limited to: Comcast, Verizon, etc..., would have the capability of impeding access to the internet by slowing the speeds of websites when its "commercially reasonable"; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) can regulate the internet according to the power given to them by the Communications Act of 1934; and,

WHEREAS, under its current classification, Title I, the internet is not granted full net neutrality; however if the internet was reclassified under Title II, the FCC would be able to provide net neutrality; and,

WHEREAS, students use the internet for a variety of reasons such as media consumption (social media, news and communications) and curricular reasons (admissions, research, billing and assignments). Lack of net neutrality could mean students access to these services could be inhibited; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University of California Student Association Board of Directors support net neutrality and the reclassification of the internet under Title II; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of California Student Association Board of Directors release a press release showing their support for net neutrality and the reclassification of the internet under Title II; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of California Student Association Board of Directors direct its Liaison to the United States Student Association introduce a resolution to the Board of Directors expressing the same; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the University of California Student Association Board of Directors expresses that should the United States Student Association Board of Directors adopt a resolution articulating the same sentiments as expressed herein that a letter be composed directed to Tom Wheeler (FCC Chairman), Mignon Clyburn (FCC Commissioner), Jessica Rosenworcel (FCC Commissioner), Ajit Pai (FCC Commissioner), and Michael O'Rielly (FCC Commissioner) stating the United States Students University of California Student Association's

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support for net neutrality and the reclassification of the internet under Title II and also submit this letter to FCC.gov/comments before September 15th.