

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION 02**  
**THE REINSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER**



**WHEREAS** the International Students & Programs Office (ISPO), International Faculty and Scholar Office (IFSO), Oceanids, the Friends of the International Center (FIC) and the International Center (IC) provide a series of important services to the UCSD community; most notably, to international students and their families, as well as students interested in strengthening the international dimension of their educational and personal experiences at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD).

**WHEREAS** the IC was a physical space in which ISPO, IFSO, etc were located and operated. It was not only a place where administrative staff worked, but it also served as a space for meaningful interaction between members of the International and National UCSD community.

**WHEREAS** 83.7% of non-U.S. citizen respondents of the 2014 Graduate and Professional Student Experience Satisfaction Survey reported using the International Center; 74.3% were more than “moderately satisfied” with the International Center services.<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS** the number of international graduate students admitted to UCSD has continually increased; 1540 international graduate students were admitted in 2014;<sup>2</sup> 1971 international students were admitted in 2015;<sup>3</sup> and 2407 were admitted in 2016.<sup>4</sup>

**WHEREAS** the University’s administration reported plans to demolish the building housing the international center by January 2017, but has not yet agreed to a timeline for the reinstatement of the International Center.

**WHEREAS** the different offices of the ISPO and IFSO have been assigned new locations across campus so that most services can continue without interruption despite the demolition.

**WHEREAS** the projected costs of the reinstatement of the IC and comparisons to the financial burden of demolishing, renovating, or rebuilding the IC have not been agreed upon nor discussed with UCSDGSA.

**WHEREAS** faculty and administrators have informed UCSDGSA Council members that the reasons cited for the demolition are, among others, a) the need to better serve the growing number of international students; b) the need for more room for staff; c) the cost of making the building comply with fire and safety regulations, and d) the presence of mold.

**WHEREAS** the Campus/Community Planning Committee was not and has not been made explicitly made aware of, nor included in, the discussed timeline for the demolition or restitution of the IC.

**WHEREAS** the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Juan Gonzalez, and Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Retention and Success, Jeff Orgera, indicated in a letter to the 2015-2016 UCSDGSA executive officers would work with colleagues to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and/or Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the intent to reinstate the International Center.<sup>5</sup>

**BE IT RESOLVED** that UCSDGSA calls for an MOU and/or MOA be written and agreed upon by 1) UCSDGSA; 2) Academic Senate Committee on International Education; 3) Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Juan Gonzalez; 4) Vice Chancellor for Resource Management & Planning, Gary C. Matthews; and 5) Dean of the International Center, Kirk Simmons.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** UCSDGSA calls for adequate and appropriate graduate student representation and advisement henceforth (as defined in the proposed MOU/MOA)--especially of international graduate students--on oversight committees advising all current and future plans involving the demolition and re-centralization of IC.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that UCSDGSA calls for the timely recentralization of the IC as a cohesive unit so that it may continue to function in a manner similar to its original function.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the UCSDGSA calls for and supports that all planned IC demolition be halted until a MOU and/or MOA be reached between the above mentioned parties and the UCSDGSA.

References:

1. UCSD Graduate and Professional Student Experience Survey 2014  
[https://grad.ucsd.edu/\\_files/reports/GPSES\\_Final\\_Report\\_NC\\_2014.pdf](https://grad.ucsd.edu/_files/reports/GPSES_Final_Report_NC_2014.pdf)
2. \*\*UCSD Fall of 2014 International Applications, Admissions, and Total Graduate Students  
[http://grad.ucsd.edu/\\_files/reports/admissions/FA14/FA14\\_INTL\\_Apps\\_Admits\\_New\\_Total.pdf](http://grad.ucsd.edu/_files/reports/admissions/FA14/FA14_INTL_Apps_Admits_New_Total.pdf)
3. \*\*UCSD Fall of 2015 International Applications, Admissions, and Total Graduate Students  
[http://grad.ucsd.edu/\\_files/reports/admissions/FA15/FA15\\_INTL\\_Apps\\_Admits\\_New\\_Total.pdf](http://grad.ucsd.edu/_files/reports/admissions/FA15/FA15_INTL_Apps_Admits_New_Total.pdf)

4. \*\*UCSD Fall of 2016 International Applications, Admissions, and Total Graduate Students

[http://grad.ucsd.edu/\\_files/reports/admissions/FA16/FA16\\_INTL\\_Apps\\_Admits\\_New\\_Total.pdf](http://grad.ucsd.edu/_files/reports/admissions/FA16/FA16_INTL_Apps_Admits_New_Total.pdf)

5. GSA Response Letter

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/my-drive>

\*\*References 2-4:

<http://grad.ucsd.edu/reports/reports-on-graduate-education/admissions.html>

**Voted and Passed at Council Meeting #3, October 31, 2016.**

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