RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ADDITION OF ONE COURSE TIME SLOT
RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT UNION ASSEMBLY
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ
Introduced by: Jessica Greenstreet, 2011-12 Commissioner of Academic Affairs
As adopted by the Student Union Assembly on April 17, 2012

WHEREAS the Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education Richard Hughey has introduced a proposal to adjust course time slots, which adds one course time slot to better utilize our classroom space; and,

WHEREAS one added Monday/Wednesday/Friday course slot would be added to the schedule from 5pm-6:10 pm, pushing back the Monday/Wednesday courses back one hour; and,

WHEREAS this proposal is a compromise between the desire to increase the number of course time slots and not decreasing the amount of instruction time for each course, which would not drastically change the course scheduling, but would provide for a large increase in classroom utilization capacity (5.7%); and,

WHEREAS the course time slot proposal does not change the passing period, or total student contact minutes; and,

WHEREAS this course time proposal provides for flexibility of scheduling and will allow for “bottleneck courses” to have more seats in each offering, which will assist in course and lecture availability; and,

WHEREAS, the SUA is in support of the student to teacher ratio staying the same and without sacrificing class availability; and,

WHEREAS the support for larger classes - which is the concern of departments and students - is not prohibitive to this proposed change and will not jeopardize current resources available to students; and,

WHEREAS the planned new large lecture halls to alleviate the course availability issue will not be built for a few years - years in which the student body may grow, further impacting the current facilities on campus; therefore,

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the SUA stand in support of the addition of said time slot; and,

AND LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to the Senate Executive Committee, the Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education, and the Executive Vice Chancellor.