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**Senate Resolution**

**No. 18**

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**Introduced by Senator Migden**

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Senate Resolution No. 18—Relative to University of California study abroad programs.

1       WHEREAS, Study abroad programs are an important aspect of  
2 a well-rounded college education because these programs expose  
3 students to different cultures and provide them with the necessary  
4 tools to understand the increasingly complex problems facing the  
5 international community; and

6       WHEREAS, The University of California (UC) should not seek  
7 to limit study abroad opportunities, but rather should expand them  
8 to assure the availability of rich and diverse experiences throughout  
9 the world that meet student needs and provide academic benefits;  
10 and

11       WHEREAS, The UC, through the Education Abroad Program  
12 (EAP), does not offer programs in countries with a United States  
13 Department of State Travel Warning, requiring interested students  
14 to travel abroad on ~~sponsored programs~~, *programs* other than EAP;  
15 and

16       ~~WHEREAS, This policy forces interested students to go through~~  
17 ~~unnecessary obstacles, including officially withdrawing from the~~  
18 ~~University of California if they study longer than one quarter,~~  
19 ~~forfeiting any potential financial aid, jeopardizing their readmission~~  
20 ~~to the university, and losing credits since there is no guarantee that~~  
21 ~~they will transfer; and~~

1 WHEREAS, The UC should reevaluate the use of United States  
2 Department of State Travel Warnings as a gauge to determine the  
3 suitability of UC EAP programs—~~since~~ *because* many of these  
4 advisories are not outright travel bans, but rather recommended  
5 warnings; and

6 WHEREAS, The Associated Students of the University of  
7 California, Berkeley and the Associated Students of the University  
8 of California, San Diego have passed similar resolutions urging  
9 the UC to revise its study abroad policies and reinstate its study  
10 abroad program to Israel; and

11 WHEREAS, An online petition in support of reinstating the UC  
12 study abroad program to Israel, started by students at the University  
13 of California, Santa Barbara, has over 700 signatures and a petition  
14 to reinstate the program is currently circulating at the University  
15 of California, Davis; and

16 WHEREAS, Revising its study abroad policies could positively  
17 impact the University of California's position as a leading global  
18 institution committed to academic freedom; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California; That, That* the  
20 Senate of the State of California recommends that the UC maximize  
21 student opportunities by regularly reevaluating its policies  
22 regarding study abroad programs in countries throughout the world,  
23 including those with United States Department of State Travel  
24 Warnings; and be it further

25 *Resolved, That* the Senate acknowledges the concerns of the  
26 UC-EAP regarding students' safety and the university's assumption  
27 of liability; and be it further

28 *Resolved, That* the Senate commends the recent efforts that the  
29 ~~regents~~ *Regents* of the University of California have made to  
30 remove all real or perceived barriers to studying abroad on  
31 non-UC-sponsored programs, including providing UC students  
32 with guidance regarding the potential credit status of course work,  
33 assuring students access to California and federal financial aid for  
34 which they qualify, and assuring that students can reenter the  
35 university without penalty, provided they successfully complete  
36 their academic work abroad; and be it further

37 *Resolved, That* the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
38 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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