

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS UNDER MODIFIED GRADING BECAUSE OF THE CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC

RATIONALE: The COVID-19 Crisis required San Francisco State University to move all classes to virtual modalities. To provide as much flexibility to students in this transition, the University provided modified grading options to students to make sure that this change did not negatively affect students who did not choose this learning modality. This has made it difficult to determine eligibility for office based on GPA.

WHEREAS, Associated Students is a 501C3 nonprofit auxiliary student government organization at San Francisco State University dedicated to serving the student body with a lens toward equity and diversity; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the COVID-19 epidemic reaching San Francisco¹, SF State suspended² (on March 11, 2020) in-person classes and directed that faculty move to remote instruction. While these changes were instituted for good public health reasons, they have necessarily disrupted the normal pedagogy and processes of the University; and

WHEREAS, the global COVID-19 pandemic constitutes serious and compelling circumstances in the life of SF State students including those serving in student leadership; and

WHEREAS, modified grading in the Spring 2020 semester³, which was intended to keep the changes required for the health of the community from negatively affecting the GPA of students, also creates inequitable evaluations of academic progress for members of the board of directors based upon GPA for work completed under modified grading; and

WHEREAS, those elected⁴ to the Board of Directors were already evaluated based upon GPA and units taken in order to run for office for the 2020-2021 term. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that all elected and appointed office holders of the Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 term shall continue to meet all unit load requirements currently explained in the active and approved bylaws; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that all elected and appointed board members shall not be disqualified based upon the GPA of the Spring 2020 semester, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in place of GPA in the Spring 2020 semester that the GPA for the semester in which they were elected be used to qualify officeholders; and therefore be it

¹ County of San Francisco Order of the Health Officer No. C19-07b (Shelter in Place)

² University Suspends Face-to-face Classes to Prepare for Remote Instruction and Service, Campus wide communication March 9, 2020

³ In Support of Alternative Grading Options for SF State Students During the COVID-19 Crisis
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⁴ Associated Students of San Francisco State University, Student Government Election Code, Approved by the Associated Students of San Francisco State University Board of Directors: 02/19/2020

RESOLVED, that any officeholders appointed to the board of directors for the 2020-2021 term shall not be disqualified based upon GPA received in the Spring 2020 semester and that in its place GPA in the Fall 2019 semester be used to justify that qualification. In the case, where both GPA in the Spring 2020 semester and GPA in the Fall 2019 semester fail to meet the GPA requirements, they should be considered disqualified for office; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that all elected and appointed board members shall continue to be held responsible for meeting the requirements of officeholders, including service on committees and holding office hours.