Student Population
Whereas: There are currently over 6,100 Associated (undergraduate) Students (ASUSF) represented by the ASUSF Senate at the University of San Francisco; and

Whereas: The University strives to provide optimal exposure to academic rigor and encourage student growth and excellence for all of its students; and

Commuting Population
Whereas: The University currently partners with MUNI to provide a discount for students, and public transit is a lifeline for many students where many additionally utilize BART for their transportation needs; and

Whereas: The University has limited on-campus housing where currently approximately one third of the ASUSF live on campus, and therefore the majority of students are commuters; and

Whereas: The University discourages on-campus students from having cars and off-campus students from driving, as seen through the limited parking near campus and parking permits (150 single-day a week passes) offered to students for the academic year; and

Environmental Impact and Commitment to Sustainability
Whereas: The University and ASUSF Senate support and encourage using means of transportation including public transit that support reducing carbon emissions and provides a more sustainable option than driving; and

Academic Requirements
Whereas: The undergraduate core curriculum requires a service learning class where many sites are located around the San Francisco Bay Area; and

Whereas: Undergraduate students in the School of Nursing and Health Professions required to commute at least twice a week to clinical rotations which are accessible by BART; therefore, be it

Resolved by ASUSF Senate of the University of San Francisco, representing all the undergraduate students of the University: That a partnership be developed with BART to establish a BART Higher Education Fare Discount Program where ASUSF students will benefit from a 25% discount for all rides to and from the Powell Street Station on BART to start in the 2018-19 academic year; furthermore, be it

Resolved: That a referendum be placed on the April 2017 ballot for consideration by the undergraduate student body to increase the ASUSF Transportation Fee of approximately $30 per semester (beginning in the 2018-19 academic year) to support the adoption of a BART Higher Education Fare Discount Program; and

Resolved: That ASUSF Senate approves to cover the one-time implementation costs to adopt a BART Higher Education Fare Discount Program of approximately $90,000 to come from the established reserves of the ASUSF Transportation Fee; furthermore, be it
Resolved: That if the fees are approved by ballot, they shall be brought as a recommendation from the ASUSF and AGSUSF to the USF Board of Trustees for approval in December 2017; and

Resolved: If the fees are approved by the USF Board of Trustees, they shall take effect beginning as early as the 2018-19 academic year.

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