Referendum to Approve an ASUF Military Veteran Student Representative
ASUSF Resolution 16-17-09

Whereas: The University of San Francisco is dedicated to the servicing of equal representation on campus; and

Whereas: There is currently a lack of resources available to active and veteran military students to allow them to thrive and integrate to a new campus; and

Whereas: The needs of current and former members of the military community can only be properly addressed by a person within that community; and

Whereas: The average age of veteran students is often higher due to service commitments, and many veteran students have family, work, and health commitments that most non-veteran students do not face; and

Whereas: The Jesuit values set forth by the University of San Francisco call for the development of service, and yet, hundreds of students that have dedicated part of their lives to serve this country are not equally represented on campus; and

Whereas: The needs of current military and veteran students are pushed aside due to the amount of administrative involvement required by the university to process government benefit claims and entitlement forms; and

Whereas: A new position representing military veterans would allow all veterans to be heard within the university’s student government, would allow veteran students to find a like-minded community on campus, and ultimately ensure military veteran students’ voices in undergraduate proceedings; and

Whereas: A Military Veteran Student Representative would allow for equal student representation, providing a channel for understanding towards the veteran community; therefore, be it

Resolved by ASUSF Senate of the University of San Francisco, representing all the undergraduate students of the University: Approve a referendum proposing an additional seat on ASUSF Senate titled Military Veteran Student Representative;

Resolved: This representative position is to be placed on the ballot of University of San Francisco Student Elections starting spring 2017 and voted on by the undergraduate student body of University of San Francisco.

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