



**Increased Transparency for
Student Nominations to the Board of Trustees**

Resolution: 20-21-06

Whereas, the University of San Francisco Board of Trustees is the ‘principle governance body of the University of San Francisco,’ and ‘holds in trust the University’s financial, physical and human assets for future generations’¹;

Whereas, the Board of Trustees ‘establish policies on financial management, fundraising, investments, property, and assets’ and has committees to help in the fulfillment of its mission;

Whereas, students are invited to sit on the BOT’s committees as non-voting guests, and the Associated Students of the University of San Francisco Senate (ASUSF) is empowered to nominate two undergraduate student representatives to the following committees: Academic Affairs, Investment, Physical Facilities and Master Plan, Marketing and Communications Steering, ITS, Finance, and Development;

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has the sole discretion to approve or disapprove student nominations to its committees;

Whereas, a codified process for student nominations to the Board does not currently exist;

Whereas, there needs to be a more transparent process for student nominations to the Board of Trustees and its committees;

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has mandated that student representatives to certain committees be of a major specific to that committee (ex: Finance major for Finance Committee);

Be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of San Francisco Senate, representing all the undergraduate students of the University, that the following be enacted:

¹ USF Board of Trustees: <https://www.usfca.edu/about-usf/who-we-are/president-leadership/board-of-trustees>



Resolved, that the following process be used for all future student nominations to the Board of Trustees and its committees:

1. As part of the Spring elections process, the ASUSF Senate shall publicize the positions and committees available for the next academic year and the academic majors and minors required for the potential nominees, except for the University Life committee, on which the ASUSF President is an ex-officio member.
2. The outgoing ASUSF President shall compile a list of eligible students who declared their interest in these committees and provide them to the incoming ASUSF President during the transition period.
3. By the month of May, the Division of Student Life and the Secretary of the Board will contact the ASUSF President with the details necessary for the President to make their nominations. These details should include:
 - a. The composite schedule for the next academic year,
 - b. The number of nominations the ASUSF President should make,
 - c. The committees to which the ASUSF President should nominate student representatives, and any other relevant information to the nomination process.
4. By June or earlier, the new ASUSF President will conduct their own supplementary, publicized search process and conduct interviews with BOT student candidates.
 - a. The ASUSF President may, at their discretion, solicit the advice and recommendations of the Deans, Department Chairs, and Faculty of the University of San Francisco.
5. Once the ASUSF President has concluded their search process and has a final list of nominees, they will deliver this list of nominees to the following:
 - a. The Division of Student Life, who will transmit this list to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and
6. These nominations shall not, except in the case of academic eligibility or judicial conduct concerns that should be communicated to the ASUSF Senate as soon as possible, be obstructed or vetoed by any office or entity of the University of San Francisco other than the Board of Trustees. These offices include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. The Office of the President of the University of San Francisco
 - b. The Division of Student Life



- c. Deans of the University
 - d. Faculty of the University
7. After deliberating on the nominations in accordance with their own internal processes, the Board of Trustees shall submit to the ASUSF Senate its written decision on the student nominations within the following parameters:
- a. If student nominees are approved and subsequently appointed, the ASUSF Senate and the student nominees shall receive a written confirmation of these appointments from the Board of Trustees.
 - b. If the Board rejects any nomination, it must submit to the ASUSF Senate a written document detailing its rationale.
 - i. The ASUSF Senate may choose to submit a detailed appeal to the Board within 2 days of notification, however the final decision remains with the Board.
8. The ASUSF Senate will communicate the formal invitations from the Board to the Foghorn and other platforms.
9. Once all positions have been filled, the Secretary of the Board will, at least two weeks prior to the start of the academic year, communicate with the appointed student representatives all the necessary next steps pertaining to their respective committees.

Resolved, that the ability of the ASUSF Senate and the students of the University to name their own representatives to the Board of Trustees shall not be denied without a reasonable and detailed explanation by the Board;

Resolved, that student representatives to the Board of Trustees be given an orientation at least two weeks before their first committee meeting to better understand the workings of the Board;

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees designate certain committee trustees to serve as mentors for student representatives;

Resolved, that the Board's requirement for specific majors for certain committees, and the nomination process as a whole, be jointly reevaluated by the Board of Trustees and the ASUSF Senate in the Spring semester of each academic year in order to ensure an effective and transparent process.



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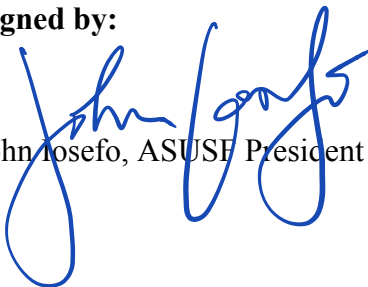
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