



First Steps to Change Resolution

Resolution: 20-21-01

Whereas, the core values of USF call for the advancement of ‘social responsibility’ and ‘the moral dimension of every significant human choice’¹;

Whereas, the original sin of the United States of America was slavery and white supremacy;

Whereas, black-identifying people in the United States have been, throughout their entire existence, oppressed by systems such as slavery, poll taxes, the Jim Crow era, redlining, lynching, segregation, assassinations, discrimination, and many other abominable forms of racism;

Whereas, the recent murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Breonna Taylor, Oluwatoyin "Toyin" Salau, and many others, at the hands of police officers and others were motivated by racial animus;

Whereas, numerous national protests have been underway for weeks in opposition to the oppressive justice system and multiple protestors have been arrested and held for bail;

Whereas, the ASUSF Senate will exercise its moral and social responsibility in accordance with its mission and values², and those of the University of San Francisco;

Be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of San Francisco Senate, as the sole representative body of the undergraduate students of the University of San Francisco, that the following be enacted:

Resolved, that \$1,000 from the Student Activity Reserves be allocated to the Bay Area Anti-Repression Committee, which was supported by the Black Student Union in their recent fundraiser;

¹ From: <https://www.usfca.edu/about-usf/who-we-are/vision-mission>

² From: <https://myusf.usfca.edu/sle/asusf-senate/about>



Resolved, that \$1,000 from the Student Activity Reserves be allocated to the Black Student Union in order to provide it with the resources it needs to fulfill its mission;

Resolved, that the ASUSF Senate hereby commits itself to engage in discussions with the Black Achievement Success and Engagement (BASE) program about areas for possible collaboration and support;

Resolved, that the ASUSF Senate will increase its engagement with and support of cultural and ethnically focused clubs at USF through outreach.

Submitted by:

John Iosefo, President

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Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John Iosefo'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and 'I'.

John Iosefo
President, ASUSF Senate