Referendum to establish the
Title IX REPS Representative As An Official ASUSF Representative Position
Resolution 21-22-02

Whereas: there currently exists an At-Large ASUSF Senate position titled “Title IX REPS (Resources, Education, Prevention, and Support) Representative;” and

Whereas: the Title IX office “continually strives to maintain and strengthen a climate which fosters mutual respect and inclusivity for all community members. Its primary concern is the safety and well-being of USF students, staff, and faculty, and we are tasked with responding to all reports of sexual misconduct and/or gender discrimination experienced by our community members”¹; and

Whereas: the mission of the USF Sexual Misconduct Prevention & Education Advisory Board, also known as REPS Advisory Board, is to form a partnership between USF students, staff, and faculty to help create a campus environment that promotes respect, equity, healthy relationships, and healthy sexuality. The committee is dedicated to the promotion of the rights of students, staff, and faculty to live, work, and study in a safe and healthy environment, free from sexual discrimination, including sexual and gender-based violence and harassment”²; and

Whereas: two undergraduate representatives currently serve on the REPS Advisory Board and work closely with the Title IX office on campus; and

Whereas: the major responsibilities of the ASUSF representative pertain to advocating for the undergraduate student population during REPS Advisory Board meetings; and

Whereas: a permanent position would assist long-term student representation in university decisions impacting students as well as an increased interest towards said position; and

¹ Resources, Education, Prevention, and Support Advisory Board Bylaws (Preamble)
² Resources, Education, Prevention, and Support Advisory Board Bylaws (Preamble)
Whereas: there has been an increased need within the student body for this position with the release of the Hulst and Handler “Investigation Report Regarding Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving the University of San Francisco Men’s Soccer Team” in 2020; and

Whereas: this representative position could develop more trust in the Title IX office and help create a healthier campus culture around Title IX related issues; and

Whereas: this representative position will co-clerk the REPS Advisory Board meetings and maintain its records, agendas, attendance and archives; and

Whereas: the ASUSF President, with consultation from the Executive Board, will appoint a representative.

Therefore, be it Resolved by the Associated Students of the University of San Francisco Senate in its role as the sole representative body of all the undergraduates students of the University of San Francisco, that the following be enacted: the At-Large Title IX REPS Representative be made a permanent position in ASUSF Senate effective in the Spring Dons Elections 2022; furthermore, be it

Resolved: This change be reflected in all ASUSF Senate materials used in the 2022-23 Academic Year, including but not limited to: all Senate brochures that mention positions by name, and name tags at Senate functions; furthermore, be it

Resolved: The student who will hold this position must first be interviewed by the ASUSF President of the Senate and Deputy Title IX Coordinator; furthermore, be it

Resolved: After an open and fair interview process, the President of the Senate, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board, appoint a student to this position for a term of 1 year.

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