



**Request for Term Renewal for Constituent Representatives on the Board of Trustees  
Committees**  
Resolution 21-22-01

**Whereas**, “The members of the Board of Trustees dedicate their time, expertise and resources to the advancement of USF. As a board, they play a fundamental role in preserving the University’s mission and ensuring that long-term planning and goals are defined and executed by the University community.”<sup>1</sup>

**Whereas**, “Constituent representatives are invited to participate in the proceedings of the board as non-voting members to enhance the work of the board by developing a better understanding of these constituencies. In turn, this assists the board in its decision-making and governance. The constituencies represented are undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty and alumni. Constituent representatives serve on most standing committees of the board.”

**Whereas**, there are currently two seats on the Board of Trustees committees for two student representatives.

**Whereas**, according to the Board of Trustees Student Representatives Guidelines 2022-2023, “In order to provide more opportunities for students to fulfill the role of a student representative on standing committees of the Board of Trustees, a student may serve only one term of service. The last transitional term for onboarding to process guidelines has been approved by the President of USF on August 10, 2021; meaning serving two terms is allowed this final year. Student Representatives put forward by ASUSF that do not meet the criteria of serving only one term are allowed to move forward in the appointment process this year.”<sup>2</sup>

**Whereas**, attending four quarterly meetings within a year does not allow constituent representatives to fully understand the operations of the board and follow items discussed in the previous year.

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<sup>1</sup> University of San Francisco. 2021. “USF Board of Trustees”. About USF.  
<https://www.usfca.edu/about-usf/who-we-are/president-leadership/board-of-trustees>

<sup>2</sup> University of San Francisco. 2021. “Process, Guidelines, and Timeframe for Student Appointments to the Standing Committees of the Board of Trustees”.

**Whereas,** stated by Lovepreet Dhinsa '22, "Due to the removed nature of the Board of Trustees and their lack of direct engagement with the student body, many students are not aware of their role on campus, especially underclassmen. When I joined the Board of Trustees in my junior year, I was still not very familiar with their role and the Development Committee's role on campus. By serving for more than a semester, I feel better equipped to provide feedback to the Committee about the concerns of the student body."

**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:**

**Resolved:** The Board of Trustees will extend the term limit for constituent representatives on Board of Trustees committees from one year to two years.

**Resolved:** Prior to the time of the nomination process for the following academic year, the ASUSF President will be in conversation with the Board of Trustees committee chairs, with the exception of University Life Committee, which appoints the current ASUSF President as *Ex Officio*, and Investment Committee, who appoints a student representative based on a nomination submitted by a faculty member to the VP of Finance and Business, to gain feedback regarding the possible continuation of the constituent representative serving that year. This will be on a committee-by-committee basis.

**Resolved:** Those students who have served one term may have eligibility to serve another term, with the consideration of their willingness to continue, availability to attend all meetings, and positive feedback from committee members.

**Resolved:** The recruitment of second and/or third year students is highly recommended as it would increase the likelihood of serving two terms.

**Resolved:** As an additional term of service increases strong connections with the Board and increases familiarity with their operations, it will also benefit the Board by expediting the process of onboarding and training constituent representatives.

**Resolved:** As there are two constituent representatives on the Board of Trustees committees, the Trustees have the right to grant the other position to an individual who does not obtain prior experience.

Submitted by:

ASUSF President, Marisol Castro

Supported by:

Fr. Paul Fitzgerald, *President*

Julie Orio, *Vice President, Student Life*

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marisol Castro". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Marisol" written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Castro".

ASUSF President, Marisol Castro

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