



Increased Support for the Dean's Emergency Fund

Resolution: 20-21-03

Whereas: the core Jesuit values of USF call for *cura personalis*, or 'care for the entire person' includes the health and physical wellbeing of students¹; and

Whereas: the outbreak of COVID-19, the subsequent economic recession, and the University of San Francisco's 4.4.% tuition increase have negatively impacted the financial circumstances of students; and

Whereas: the University of San Francisco Dean of Students' Office manages the Emergency Fund to financially assist students who are impacted by emergencies and unable to meet immediate needs; and

Whereas: the maximum amount of funding a student may receive in the entirety of the calendar year is up to \$600 due to limited total funds; and

Whereas: the Dean of Students, Shannon Gary, and Director of Finance and Operations, Julia Tehaar, informed ASUSF Senate that the current fund budget is about \$16,000 and is completely reliant on external donations and gifts; 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:

Resolved: that \$15,000 from the Student Activity Reserves be allocated to the Dean's Emergency Fund in support of the students it serves; furthermore, be it

Resolved: that emergency financial need and current enrollment be the only eligibility requirements for receiving aid; furthermore, be it

Resolved: that the application for the Dean's Emergency Fund will be made accessible in different languages to serve our diverse community; furthermore, be it

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



Resolved: that the Office of the Dean of Students, in conjunction with the ASUSF Senate, will release a comprehensive list of internal and external financial resources that will be published immediately to the USF community.

Submitted by:

John Iosefo, President

Diammyra Cruz, Vice President of Internal Affairs

Sarah Ali, Vice President of Finance

Tanya Sanjay, Vice President of Marketing and Communications

Brooke Perry, Vice President of Advocacy

Supported by:

Shannon Gary, *Associate Vice Provost, Student Life & Dean of Students*

Julia Terhaar, *Director of Finance & Operations, Student Life*

Passed the Senate on: September 16, 2020

Signed by:

John Iosefo, President