



**ASUSF Senate Commitment to Exploring Rideshare Services for School of Nursing &
Health Professions (SONHP) Students**
Resolution 22-23-23

Whereas: USF's Mission and Values¹ places emphasis on nurturing a diverse, ever-expanding community where persons of all races and ethnicities, religions, sexual orientations, genders, generations, abilities, nationalities, occupations, and socioeconomic backgrounds are honored and accompanied; and

Whereas: nursing students have little to no control on where they are placed for their clinical learning experiences. Even with their ability to register for specific blocks that align with their schedules, clinical sites are constantly changing and even canceling, forcing students to be confined to limited and unpredictable plans of transportation; and

Whereas: The School of Nursing and Health Professions requires students to account for their own materials such as scrub uniforms, physical assessment tools, and textbooks. Additionally, nursing students are responsible for coordinating their own transportation; and

Whereas: as the Bachelor's in Nursing curriculum progresses, clinical sites that better encapsulate a students' growing scope of practice are located farther away. These sites often end up being located outside the city, forcing students who are placed farther to pay increasingly higher fares for travel. They are also at higher risk for unpredictable transportation issues that may affect attendance and are often inaccessible by public transportation (i.e., Stanford Medical Center); and

Whereas: as per the 2022-2023 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Handbook, attendance to theory classes and to clinical practicum sites are required. However, one unexcused absence or a second absence may lead to students having to file a petition to the Department Supervisor within the 48 hours of absence to determine progression in the clinical course; and

Whereas: in a survey distributed to all nursing cohorts, 56.5% of students stated that their primary mode of transportation was through rideshare. Within the responses, 76.1% selected that their clinical site was not accessible through public transportation alone. On average, nursing students who use rideshare services spend \$78 a month, even when splitting the fare with their classmates. Students with their own personal vehicle spend around \$100 for gas to their clinical sites alone; and

Whereas: these monthly expenses added in addition to textbook requirements, scrubs, and supplies often become a stressor on nursing students; and

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Whereas: nursing programs for the University of Pennsylvania and California State University East Bay have Lyft partnerships in which nursing student's ride fares are subsidized to aid in their travel to clinical sites; and

Whereas: the focus on private transportation further eliminates the unpredictability of public transportation, acknowledging the socioeconomic backgrounds of students balancing work and study; 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: The ASUSF 2023-2024 School of Nursing and Health Professions Representative continue exploring subsidized rideshare services and other alternatives to promote more accessible transportation for nursing students.

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