



**Improved Transparency and Communication Channels between the Board of Trustees and Students**

Resolution 22-23-09

**Whereas:** The core Jesuit values of the University of San Francisco calls for *cura personalis*, or “care for the whole person”, includes our obligation to treat all members of our community with respect and care; and,

**Whereas:** The Board of Trustees “*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.*” ; and,

**Whereas:** The University of San Francisco’s mission statement explains: “*Community is a sacred place where we gather and are called to live through a commitment with one another to create change through collaboration and inclusion. Our collective impact is stronger together than acting alone.*.”; and,

**Whereas:** Through ASUSF Senate advocacy efforts and the support of the Board of Trustees, opportunities have been provided to increase student voice and collaboration in the university governance process; and,

**Whereas:** Student representatives currently serve on all the Board of Trustees committees to ensure the student's voice is heard in university decision-making; and,

**Whereas:** Students have indicated concern over the Board of Trustees' lack of visibility and communication, contributing to a diminished connection between the two bodies; and,

**Whereas:** Increased communication of critical decisions made by the Board of Trustees and their corresponding timelines will alleviate students' frequent concerns about transparency.; and,

**Whereas:** The Board of Trustee Action Page, which provides the agenda and minutes for each meeting, has been left un-updated as of February 3, 2021[1]; and,

[1]From : <https://www.usfca.edu/who-we-are/president-leadership/board-trustees/meeting-action-items>



**Whereas:** Updating the Board of Trustee Action Page will provide students with information on major university decision-making in a timely manner, therefore fostering better communication and dialogue between the student body and the administration;

**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 undergraduate students of the University of San Francisco, the following be enacted:**

**Resolved:** The Board of Trustees consistently update their Meeting Actions page with the action items and agenda items discussed during each meeting on the USF's Board of Trustees meeting page following *all* meetings within 7 days of minutes/notes being finalized and made available; furthermore, be it.

**Resolved:** The Vice President of Student Life or a designee attend the semesterly Town Hall Meetings to promote better communication and prompter responses to student concerns raised at said Town Hall meetings; furthermore, be it

**Resolved:** The ASUSF Senate extend an open invitation within two months of the ASUSF Semesterly Town Hall to USF's Board of Trustees, the President, and their Leadership Team, and all Board of Trustee Student Representatives to promote improved communication and prompter responses to student concerns raised at said Town Hall Meetings.

**Submitted by:**

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March 1, 2023

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**Signed by:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ethan Lee-Bellows". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Ethan Lee-Bellows,  
ASUSF President