



Establishment of a Permanent Title IX Office
Resolution 22-23-18

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

Whereas: a Harvard medical journal article conducted a survey in 2019 states:

“39.3 percent of respondents reported experiencing harassing behavior, and 17.7 percent reported that the harassment interfered with their academic or professional performance, limited their ability to participate in an academic program, or created an intimidating, hostile, or offensive social, academic, or work environment.”[2] ; and

Whereas: the Title IX Office states on their myUSF page:

“The Title IX Office continually strives to maintain and strengthen a climate which fosters mutual respect and inclusivity for all community members” [1]; and

Whereas: the Title IX Office has faced consistent office changes since the department's creation and currently lacks a permanent, dedicated office space for their staff to operate; and

Whereas: an anonymous student testimony states:

“This is an incredibly important issue for all female-identifying students on campus. It’s important the University has trust with their student body; that starts with having a place I know well and can point to [for] students who are in distress and need support. Having to guess and play hide and seek with the Title IX Office is super confusing and can make this already-sensitive issue more difficult for students who are in dire need of support”;
and

Whereas: it is critical that the Title IX Office have a permanent office space for its REP Interns in order to build the level of trust and community necessary to build relations for all students, female-identifying or otherwise, who need Title IX services; and

[1]From: <https://myusf.usfca.edu/title-ix>

[2]From: <https://www.harvardmagazine.com/2019/10/2019-sexual-assault-survey>

[3]From:<https://myusf.usfca.edu/sites/default/files/users/bmantovani/Resolution%20to%20Establish%20a%20Dedicated%20Testing%20Center.pdf>



Whereas: following the finished construction of the Blood Bank, considerable space will be made available on campus, allowing for greater designated office space for student services to be offered; and

Whereas: *The Establishment of a Dedicated Testing Center* Resolution [3] by ASUSF Student with Disabilities Representative, Wanda Quan, demonstrates that the allocation of specific campus space to meet the needs of the student body is necessary to contribute to a thriving campus; 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 University establish a permanent office space for the Title IX Office in order to meet the needs of all Title IX staff and students who use these services, by the beginning of the Spring 2024 semester.

Resolved: The permanent office space be located in a central or popular area of the main campus.

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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 initial 'E' and 'L'.

Ethan Lee-Bellows,
ASUSF President

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