



Support for the USF Emergency Fund

Resolution: 19-20-06

Whereas: the Jesuit tradition of *cura personalis*, or ‘care for the entire person,’ includes the health and safety of students; and

Whereas: the outbreak of COVID-19, and the University of San Francisco’s response for the health and safety of the community has had a significant impact on students due to the closure of residence halls, shift to online learning, and more; and

Whereas: many students have faced financial hardship due to COVID-19 including the loss of jobs and internships, last minute travel to get home, need for internet and equipment for online learning, time away from work due to their health or the need to care for others; and

Whereas: the University of San Francisco Dean of Students’ office administers an Emergency Fund to assist students who are unable to meet immediate, essential expenses due to a temporary hardship related to an emergency situation that may jeopardize their health, safety and/or academic performance; and

Whereas: the maximum limit for funding from the Emergency Fund has been lowered from \$600 to \$300 due to increased requests from the COVID-19 situation and limited total funds available; and

Whereas: the Dean of Students Shannon Gary informed the ASUSF Senate that only 100 students can be served through the Emergency Fund with these funding limitations; and

Whereas: more requests are anticipated as students are financially impacted by shelter-in-place orders in the San Francisco Bay Area and other regions; and

Be it resolved by the ASUSF Senate of the University of San Francisco, in its role as the representatives of all the undergraduates of the University; that the ASUSF Senate allocate, for the purpose of supporting the Emergency Fund and all the students it serves, up to \$10,000 from the ASUSF Reserves based on savings anticipated from ASUSF Event Funding due to event cancellations, serving requests made through the end of summer 2020; and

Resolved; that the maximum limit for funding from the Emergency Fund be increased back to its original amount at \$600 per request;



Resolved; that financial considerations shall be the only factor in determining whether or not a currently enrolled student can receive funds, and GPA, academic standing, judicial standing, etc. will be set aside for the purposes of this initiative to ensure all currently enrolled students who need assistance are able to request it.

Submitted by: ASUSF Senate Executive Board

Supported by: Dr. Shannon Gary

Associate Vice Provost of Student Life & Dean of Students

ASUSF President:

Date: