



**Referendum to Increase the ASUSF Student Activity Fee**  
Resolution 25-26-XX

**Whereas:** the University of San Francisco undergraduate students currently pay a \$141 Student Activity Fee per semester during the 2025-26 academic year, which will be increasing to \$151 beginning 2026-27<sup>1</sup>; and

**Whereas:** the Student Activity Fee funds student organizations for open and inclusive events and services for all students; and

**Whereas:** the need for student organization financial support and overall student involvement on the USF campus has grown since 2022, when USF students last voted to increase the Student Activity Fee, with the number of active organizations growing from 142 to 154<sup>2</sup>; and

**Whereas:** well-anticipated annual events, including but not limited to Donaroo, Fright Night, Senior Class Celebration, Philippine Cultural Night, Black Cultural Dinner, Ho'ike, Dia de la Mujer, Holi, and Culturescape have grown in numbers of participants and requests for new events have increased; and

**Whereas:** the Student Activity Fee goes towards providing support for the development and growth of student organizations; and

**Whereas:** in addition to funding many anticipated events, items, and services, Chartered Student Organization executives are compensated with hourly wages, which are also coming from the Student Activity Fee; and

**Whereas:** hourly wages have increased the number of on-campus job opportunities to all undergraduate students who otherwise would be forced to work elsewhere. These opportunities also create a sense of accountability in order to ensure organizational growth; and

**Whereas:** the hourly minimum wage in San Francisco was \$16.99 in 2022, when USF students last voted to increase the Student Activity Fee, and is currently \$19.18 with additional increases expected annually, \$19.61 beginning Fall 2026; and

**Whereas:** San Francisco is one of the most expensive cities in the world to live in, and the cost of providing activities on our campus is highly correlated to that extreme expense; and

**Whereas:** many current students and prospective students are drawn to USF because of its inclusivity and wide range of organizations on campus to participate in; and

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<sup>1</sup>(["Referendum to increase the Student Activity Fee 2022-23 - ASUSF Senate"](#))

<sup>2</sup>(["Student Organizations - Student Leadership and Engagement, University of San Francisco"](#))



**Whereas:** the current Student Activity Fee will be unable to sustain the current level of events, services and jobs that are provided to and for students; and

**Whereas:** one of the goals of the university is to support its student organizations and provide the staffing to do so, without this staffing and the ability to pay such staff, student organizations and their possibility for growth on the university's campus will diminish. Based on the current student enrollment and the rising cost of materials required to support organizations, \$264,051 had to be cut from the 2026–27 requests<sup>3</sup>; and

**Whereas:** even with this increase, the Student Activity Fee of the Associated Students of the University of San Francisco will still be lower than other Jesuit institutions similarly located in highly expensive urban areas, such as Boston College (\$694/year)<sup>4</sup>; and

**Whereas:** the Student Activity Fee is about the same as other Jesuit institutions, such as Gonzaga University (\$162.5/semester)<sup>5</sup> and Loyola Marymount University (\$144/semester)<sup>6</sup> where the cost of living is less expensive; and

**Whereas:** in order to keep and maintain the growth in the events and services that are provided to students, there is a need for the Student Activity Fee to be increased; and, thus

**Resolved by ASUSF Senate of the University of San Francisco, representing all the undergraduate students of the University:**

**Resolved:** ASUSF Senate proposes a referendum to be placed on the next election, calling for an increase to the Student Activity Fee; furthermore, be it

**Resolved:** ASUSF Senate supports an increase of \$12 in the Student Activity Fee for four consecutive years (to increase to \$163/semester in 2027-28, \$175/semester in 2028-29, \$187 in 2029-30 and \$199/semester in 2030-31) to maintain the current and growth level of services.

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<sup>3</sup> (["CSO Budget Request Summary - Finance Committee Budget Weekend Notes"](#))

<sup>4</sup> (["Tuition & Fees - Office of Student Services"](#))

<sup>5</sup> (["Tuition and Fees - Course Catalog"](#))

<sup>6</sup> (["Undergraduate Tuition and Fees 2025/2026 - Loyola Marymount University"](#))



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