



**Referendum to establish the Sustainability Representative as an official elected position**  
Referendum 24-25-01

**Whereas:** There currently exists a “Sustainability Chair” in the ASUSF Advocacy Committee, but no formal Senate position dedicated solely to sustainability-related student initiatives; and

**Whereas:** In the past, ASUSF Senate had a Vice President of Sustainability and a Vice President of Mission—roles which were later consolidated into the current Vice President of Advocacy, whose broad scope leaves sustainability-specific initiatives underrepresented; and

**Whereas:** The University of San Francisco, as a Jesuit institution committed to justice and care for our common home, must uphold sustainability as a core student value and priority; and

**Whereas:** Sustainability is defined by the United Nations as “meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”; and

**Whereas:** The USF Office of Sustainability outlines five strategic goals—use energy efficiently, aim for zero waste, drive less/drive green, use water wisely, and eat sustainably—which require student collaboration and advocacy for campus-wide impact; and

**Whereas:** A dedicated Sustainability Representative in Senate would serve as a critical liaison between students, Senate, and the Office of Sustainability, while also supporting cross-campus initiatives like the Green Initiative Fund for Tomorrow (GIFT Fund); and

**Whereas:** The proposed Sustainability Representative role has precedent across Jesuit institutions (e.g. Boston College, Fordham University, and Loyola Marymount University), and would enhance continuity, collaboration, and capacity for student-led environmental efforts at USF; and

**Whereas:** The flexibility and independence of the title “Sustainability Representative,” rather than “Office of Sustainability Representative,” ensures that the Senator may collaborate with but is not limited to the work of the Office of Sustainability, avoiding conflicts of interest and aligning with current Office staffing limitations; and

**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:** That an elected seat be created for a Sustainability Representative, beginning in the 2025-2026 Academic Year; furthermore, be it

**Resolved:** That the Sustainability Representative will serve as a standing member of the ASUSF Advocacy Committee, meeting regularly with the department head and student team from the Office of Sustainability to collaborate on student-facing green initiatives; furthermore, be it

**Resolved:** That the Sustainability Representative will serve as a core collaborator in the administration of the Green Initiative Fund for Tomorrow (GIFT Fund), ensuring that sustainability perspectives and student ideas are supported and elevated; furthermore, be it

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**Signed by:** ASUSF Senate