Referendum to Add a Transfer Students Representative Seat on ASUSF Senate for FY2017-2018
Resolution 14-15-08

Whereas: The University of San Francisco is seeing an increase in transfer students on campus; and

Whereas: Currently, there isn’t sufficient and adequate resources available to transfer students to fully succeed and assimilate to a new campus; and

Whereas: The needs of transfer students are often ignored due to emphasis placed on Freshmen or graduating Seniors as they transition to becoming alumni; and

Whereas: According to the Academic Standing of All Undergraduate Students Report (SOAR) conducted in Fall 2011, research has shown that new Transfers are placed on academic probation at higher rates than new Freshmen at the end of the first Fall semester; and

Whereas: Many new transfers regularly report questions about transfer credit, exemptions, residential experiences, financial aid, requirements and best practices to assimilate to a new university; and

Whereas: This new position on ASUSF Senate would help transfer students aid in academic and social transition during the transfer process, provide a sense of belonging through short term experiences like New Student Orientation or long term success through community building; and

Whereas: A transfer student representative would allow for proportional and equal student representation, providing a channel for outreach; therefore be it,

Resolved by the ASUSF Senate of the University of San Francisco: Approve a referendum proposing an additional seat on ASUSF Senate titled Transfer Students Representative, beginning in FY2017-18, to be placed on the ballot of University of San Francisco Student Elections in Spring 2016 and voted on by the undergraduate student body of University of San Francisco.

Submitted by: Eva Long

Signed on this day, (May 3, 2015):

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