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A Resolution in Support of Updating the Undergraduate GPA Eligibility Requirement for Membership in Student Organizations

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WHEREAS, the mission of California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI) Student Government (SG) is to place the students at the center of our educational experience by leading with integrity and selflessly serving the students and the University on a local, state, and national level; and CI SG serves as the official representative voice of CI students; and

WHEREAS, CI Student Government is an entity of Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) of California State University Channel Islands; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Policy on Eligibility Requirements for Membership in Student Organizations is to ensure that students elected or appointed as officers in CSUCI Channel Islands student organizations maintain academic and behavioral expectations as a CSUCI leader, to facilitate student involvement and to encourage student organizations to align member requirements with their organization's purpose¹; and

WHEREAS, the Policy on Eligibility Requirements for Membership in Student Organizations falls under the purview of the Division of Students Affairs and was most recently updated on April 26th 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Policy on Eligibility Requirements for Membership in Student Organizations cites research regarding college student involvement correlates with retention and intellectual development²; and

¹ <https://policy.csuci.edu/sa/21/005.htm>

² <https://policy.csuci.edu/sa/21/005.htm>

WHEREAS, the definition of a Student Organization is a registered group of students organized with similar interest or acting towards a particular cause³; and

WHEREAS, the CSUCI definition of Student Organization Officer/Representative is any student who is elected or appointed into a position as delineated by the student organization's constitution to be an officer⁴; and

WHEREAS, the definition of a Student Organization Member is any student in a general membership without a specific title or job⁵; and

WHEREAS, GPA is defined as Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, the current Policy requires a cumulative CSUCI and semester GPA of at least 2.5 for undergraduates⁶; and

WHEREAS, the current 2.5 GPA requirement has deemed student ineligible for leadership within student organizations, and has resulted in Student Government losing many viable student candidates, right on the cusp; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Order 1068 Student Activities states the minimum qualifications for student office holders for all student representatives, candidates, and incumbents for major and minor office positions must be matriculated at a CSU campus maintaining a minimum campus term grade point average (GPA) of 2.0⁷; and

RESOLVED, that CSU Channel Islands Student Government stands in support of decreasing minimum cumulative and semester GPA requirement to be changed from 2.5 to 2.25; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Student Government proposes the 2.25 minimum undergraduate GPA requirement to be adopted by the Division of Student Affairs; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the following CSU Channel Islands departments, divisions, and/or entities for their support and consideration: Office of the President, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of the Dean of Students, ASI Board of Directors, Student Organizations & Involvement, CSU Channel Islands Student Body, and CSUCI Academic Senate.

³ <https://policy.csuci.edu/sa/21/005.htm>

⁴ <https://policy.csuci.edu/sa/21/005.htm>

⁵ <https://policy.csuci.edu/sa/21/005.htm>

⁶ <https://policy.csuci.edu/sa/21/005.htm>

⁷ <https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/10170470/latest/>