



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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A Resolution Urging the CSU to Revise Exclusionary Student Government Eligibility Requirements for Transfer Students

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Approval Date:

WHEREAS, the mission of California State University Channel Islands (CI) 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

WHEREAS, CSUCI Student Government serves as the official representative voice of CSUCI students; and

WHEREAS, the California State University (CSU) system requires that student office holders demonstrate academic involvement, achievement, and progress, maintaining a minimum on-campus term GPA of 2.0 and meeting additional requirements regarding unit load and residency (CSU Minimum Qualifications for Officer Holders); and

WHEREAS, undergraduate candidates for office must maintain six semester units per term, and graduate and credential candidates must maintain three semester units per term, as a prerequisite for candidacy (CSU Minimum Qualifications for Officer Holders); and

WHEREAS, undergraduate candidates must have been enrolled and completed at least one semester prior to their election, which can exclude transfer students with prior experience from immediate participation in student government (CSU Minimum Qualifications for Officer Holders); and

WHEREAS, transfer students often arrive at CSUCI with prior leadership experience and academic accomplishments that make them immediately capable of contributing to student government, even though they have not yet completed units at CSUCI; and

WHEREAS, excluding transfer students from participating in Senate and Board positions upon their arrival can hinder their ability to contribute meaningfully to the CSUCI community and does not align with the values of inclusivity and student empowerment that CSU strives to uphold; and

RESOLVED, that the CSUCI Student Government formally urges the CSU to revise the eligibility requirements specifically for Senate and Board positions to accommodate transfer students by allowing them to be immediately eligible for candidacy upon enrollment, without requiring a semester-long waiting period at CSUCI; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this proposed revision applies specifically to transfer students, recognizing their prior experience and potential contributions to student government at CSUCI; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the CSUCI Student Government calls upon the CSU system to engage in consultations with student leaders, administrators, and faculty to ensure that the revised bylaws support the integration of transfer students into Senate and Board positions while maintaining high standards for academic responsibility and leadership; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that the CSUCI Student Government will submit this resolution to CSU leadership and the CSU Board of Trustees, requesting prompt action on revising the bylaws to better include transfer students in Senate and Board leadership opportunities

RESOLVED, that this resolution be made available to the CSU Channel Islands student body to inform and engage students about the initiative.

ASI, Student Government President, Andrew Fox

ASI, Student Government Vice President, Pearce Harris

ASI, Student Government Director of Operations, Grace May