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## Resolution To Ensure ROTC Priority Registration

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**WHEREAS**, the Associated Student Government of the University of San Diego previously approved a resolution in 2019, prioritizing registration for active-duty service members. However, this resolution overlooked the needs of Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) undergraduate students. We urge the institution to implement priority registration for Army, Naval, and Air Force ROTC students before the Spring Semester of 2025 begins. Many ROTC students must juggle demanding military training alongside their academic responsibilities, making it challenging to manage their commitments effectively. This change would provide essential support to ROTC students striving to balance their service and education effectively.

**WHEREAS**, the ROTC military community has a complex schedule and University of San Diego should be accommodating. Being a student at the University of San Diego should not take away their ability to serve and participate in ROTC activities and events. The University of San



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Diego has a large ROTC community, and is currently the home base school for NROTC San Diego, the largest Navy ROTC in the nation, with extracurricular responsibilities that necessitate flexibility and forethought. Priority registration for active ROTC members will be necessary in order to be consistent with an inclusive approach to schedule planning and to be courteous of those who have non-negotiable responsibilities outside of class times. It is essential to empower our Reserve Officer Training Corps, to give them the peace of mind to balance both school and their military lifestyles, which is why our school policies should be created with them in consideration.

**WHEREAS**, restrictions on class size and times impact ROTC members especially due to the lack of not having priority registration this may impact their graduation timeline. Depending on the degree program, this could prevent a student from graduating in a timely manner. ROTC members are unable to select courses that are both compulsory and of interest to them and courses needed to participate in their different ROTC programs ultimately, making graduation and commission as an Officer in the respected choice of Armed Forces difficult. Furthermore, the required early morning training and off-campus classes leave ROTC members unable to function to the best of their ability in class. Fatigue, lack of sleep, and the fear of being late to off-campus classes, cause stress and an ever increasing workload. ROTC members must attend certain classes on different campuses or during times where classes cannot accommodate their busy schedule. With the help of Priority Registration they will be able to adjust their schedule to attend the required military classes while keeping the balance of classes they are interested in and are necessary for their degree at University of San Diego.

**WHEREAS**, All schools that hold an ROTC program in San Diego such as San Diego State University, University of California San Diego, Point Loma Nazarene, and California State University San Marcos offer early registration for any Undergraduate Active Member of the ROTC program. Furthermore, both Point Loma Nazarene and California State University San Marcos both have less than or close to equal to the number of students that the University of San



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Diego has in the program. Both schools address the problem in accommodating these needs for the Undergraduate Active ROTC Members that attend those universities.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Associated Student Government of the University of San Diego demands to amend the previously passed resolution titled: ‘Priority Registration for Undergraduate Active Duty Service Members of the University of San Diego,’ to include Active Undergraduate students that are members of ROTC.” The implementation of priority registration will affect undergraduate students serving on ROTC programs, which include ROTC, NROTC, and AFROTC programs. This will be essential in order to be consistent with an inclusive approach to schedule planning and to be courteous of those who have non-negotiable responsibilities outside of class.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Associated Student Government will work with the Registrar’s Office, Military and Veterans Program, ROTC units and advisors and other pertinent University administrators to implement priority registration for ROTC, NROTC, and AFROTC undergraduate students modeled after the priority registration system used by veteran students and active duty students, to be executed before Spring Semester 2025 registration begins.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be delivered to the following individuals for comment and action: Dr. James T. Harris III, *President, University of San Diego*; Dr. Gail Baker, *Senior Vice President and Provost*; Ms. Charlotte Johnson, *Vice President for Student Affairs*; Dr. Regina Dixon-Reeves, *Vice Provost, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*; Dr. Byron Howlett, *Assistant Vice President for Student Life*; Dr. Nicole Whitner, *Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students*; Dr. Timothy Keane, *Dean, Knauss School of Business*; Dr. Noelle Norton, *Dean, College of Arts and Sciences*; Dr. Chell Roberts, *Dean Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering*; Dr. Kimberly A. White-Smith, *Dean, School of Leadership and Education Science*; Steve Sumner, *2023-24 Chair of University Senate*; Elizabeth Silva, *University Registrar*; Mr. Nelson Chase, *Director, Military and Veterans Program*; Captain



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