



# ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

## **Resolution 2019-2:**

### **Priority Registration for Undergraduate Active Duty Service Members of the University of San Diego**

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**WHEREAS**, the Associated Students of the University of San Diego is committed to the recruitment and development of programs supporting the University's mission of advancing academic excellence, as well as the academic excellence of the undergraduate population at the University of San Diego as stated in the university's core values of expanding professional and liberal knowledge, creating a inclusive and diverse community, and preparing the highest qualities of compassion and ethics in the leadership of tomorrow;

**WHEREAS**, The majority of students serving on active duty with the Armed Forces must make significant commitments to uphold the security of our Nation, making it increasingly difficult to balance their service and scholastic commitments in the space of a day;

**WHEREAS**, Active duty service members make great sacrifices to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, a task worthy of recognition by the University of San Diego as to its significance and bravery;

**WHEREAS**, It is the common practice of the University of San Diego to allow students with pressing commitments, such as student-athletes, student veterans, and students who work more than 20 hours a week while receiving the Pell Grant, to have priority when registering for classes so that their academic pursuits do not become a burden on their lives as a whole;

**WHEREAS**, instituting priority registration will make the University of San Diego more inclusive towards active duty service members, parallel to our veteran students;

**WHEREAS,** the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of San Diego bears in mind its responsibility to the undergraduate population, and believes that priority registration for undergraduate students who are serving on active duty would hold the university true to its commitment to the greater San Diego military community;

**WHEREAS,** The process for requesting VA certification through the Military and Veterans' Program will be enhanced in conjunction with the university's Office of Financial Aid. It is an approximately 30-day process, resulting in a 30-day payment deferment request for the student's tuition and fees. Priority registration would enhance this process for both students and the university;

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of San Diego calls for the implementation of priority registration for students serving on active duty;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** Associated Students will work with the Registrar's Office, Military and Veterans Program, and other pertinent school administrators to implement priority registration for active duty service members modeled after the priority registration system used by veteran students, to be instituted before registration for Spring 2020 commences;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this resolution shall be delivered to the following individuals for comment and action: Dr. James Harris, *President, University of San Diego*; Dr. Gail Baker, *Vice President and Provost*; Carmen Vazquez, *Vice President for Student Affairs*; Dr. Thomas Herrinton, *Vice Provost*; Dr. Cynthia Avery, *Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs*; Elizabeth Silva, *University Registrar*; Amanda Etter, *Director, Military and Veterans Program*; Jaime Alonso Gomez, *Dean, School of Business*; Dr. Noelle Norton, *Dean, College of Arts and Sciences*; Dr. Chell Roberts, *Dean, Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering*.

  
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**Camden Engstrom**, Chair of Academics and Missions A Residential Senator

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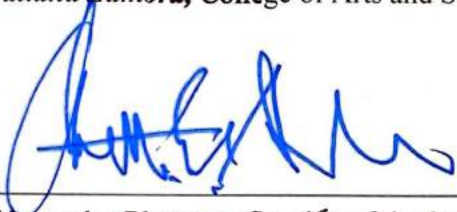
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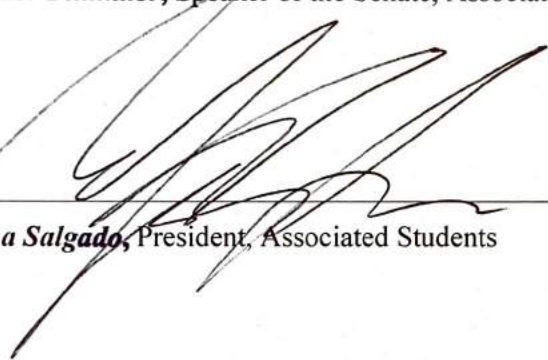
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*Alexander Plummer*, Speaker of the Senate, Associated Students

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*Natasha Salgado*, President, Associated Students

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