



## Associated Students of Sonoma State University

# RESOLUTION

### Increase of Remuneration for Senators of the Associated Students

Whereas The Associated Students of Sonoma State University is the official voice of over 9,000 students; and

Whereas Under the mission statement of the Associated Students of Sonoma State University, AS encourage opportunities to enhance the development of students through leadership participation, community service, social interaction and the development of individual attitudes and service; and

Whereas The Associated Students (AS) senate is the ultimate leadership opportunity available to SSU students; and

Whereas AS has eleven positions for elected senators that are made up of six special interest senators and five school senators whom receive a current service award of \$150 per month for the 9 academic months; and

Whereas Senators are pivotal elected student leaders who have the responsibility of enhancing the culture and community on campus through advocacy, awareness, and representation; and

Whereas The responsibilities of senators to advocate and wholeheartedly represent their constituents comes at a high opportunity costs to students senators due to the demanding time commitment required; and

Whereas Responsibilities of senators as the student senate include but is not limited to: maintaining office hours, supporting AS events, serving as a voting seat in senate and university committees, and outreaching to students; and

Whereas Also, senators serve as the ultimate management authority in addition to other responsibilities including but not limited to: approving annual budgets, maintaining an avid awareness of standing boards/committees, documenting annual records of audits, adopting guidelines for funding of chartered student organizations-all responsibilities that require ample and careful attention; and

Whereas The AS consists of students from diverse backgrounds, privileges, and experiences; and

Whereas Currently, the amount of the standing senator remuneration creates a financial barrier for some students to assume the senator leadership position thus, creating a high opportunity cost for some students and can limit a senator's ability to fully dedicate and carry out their responsibilities when students may have other financial responsibilities that the service award cannot relieve; and

Whereas Increasing the service award can relieve the financial barrier and may reduce the opportunity cost for students senators and creates a potential for the longevity of the senator position by supporting a healthy, stable and thriving lifestyle.

Let it hereby be resolved that in an effort to make the eleven senator positions more accessible and open to all diverse populations, all senators of the Associated Students of Sonoma State University will receive a monthly remuneration of \$ 350 for each month of the 9 academic months beginning with the 2014-2015 elected officers and the amount will be increased by \$40/year for five (5) years, (completed in 2019-20), to cap at \$550/month for the 9 academic months (Aug. – April)

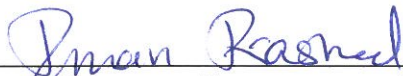
Let it hereby be further resolved that the Executive Vice-President, Vice-President of Finance and the Chair of the Senate of the Associated Students of Sonoma State University will receive a monthly remuneration of \$675 for each month of the 12 months of their term beginning with the 2014-2015 term and the amount will be increased by \$40/year for five (5) years (completed in 2019-20), to cap at \$875/month for 12 months.

Let it hereby be resolved that the 2019-2020 Senate reevaluate the monthly remuneration according to the Consumer Price Index

Let it hereby further resolved that the AS senate hold a commitment to financially invest in, support and prioritize the wellbeing of the AS officers.

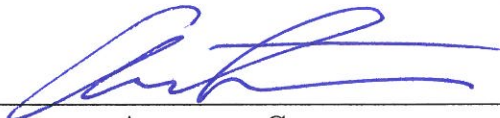
**ADOPTED** AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE AS SENATE WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON OCTOBER 25, 2013.

**CERTIFIED** AS THE TRUE AND CORRECT COPY, IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE SET MY SIGNATURE AS CHAIR OF THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, THIS THE 30 DAY OF, October 2013.



IMAN RASHED, CHAIR OF THE SENATE

**CERTIFIED** AS INCLUDED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE SET MY SIGNATURE AS CORPORATE SECRETARY, THIS THE 31 DAY OF, October 2013.



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ANTHONY GALLINO