

Associated Students of Foothill College

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STUDENT QUAD-CHAIR RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the current governance structure includes and enfranchises students in all of the councils, workgroups, study groups, and task forces through voting positions;

WHEREAS, the governance handbook states that the responsibilities of the tri-chairs include drafting memos, reporting back to their constituents, and setting agendas;

WHEREAS, the aforementioned responsibilities are critical functions to governance that students are currently and systematically excluded from;

WHEREAS, the governance handbook also states that students will not serve as chair “given the demands on their time,” which is an unreasonable explanation given that other members of governance also have occupations outside of governance, yet are still afforded a chair position;

WHEREAS, students have not only kept up attendance at governance, but actively participated and voted;

WHEREAS, the exclusion of students from the tri-chair position reflects the power structures, lack of training, and inadequate compensation students receive for their time spent on governance;

WHEREAS, Foothill College President Thuy Nguyen has tasked the governance councils with answering the question of “Should students be able to serve in the chairship – making for a quad-chair situation for all four councils?” and noted that “there has been a request by students to revisit [students serving in the chairship], especially in light of the active student representation since 2018... I have noticed a marked increase in student attendance in the past 3 years” in a Governance Assessment memo sent on April 7th, 2021;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Associated Students of Foothill College (ASFC) believe it is in the best interest of students to have a student quad-chair position and be structurally included in governance in this manner;

RESOLVED, the ASFC remains in alignment with and supportive of the question asked by President Thuy in the April 7th Governance Assessment memo;

RESOLVED, the ASFC urge the Community & Communication (C&C) Council to agendize a discussion on adding a student quad-chair position to the governance structure at the April 23rd meeting.