

Associated Students of Foothill College

Resolution on Transfer Students Participating in the Commencement Ceremony

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Foothill College is the official governing body of the students of Foothill College, with the approval and subject to the control and regulations of the governing board of the Foothill De Anza Community College District, in order to promote the general welfare of students, to foster a spirit of democracy and unity in all student activities, to promote the growth and development of the college, and to better community relations; and¹

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of Foothill college is to provide, within the limitations of the policies and regulations established by the governing board of the Foothill De Anza Community College District, for the material, social and governmental welfare of the students of Foothill College; and¹

WHEREAS, the Associate Students of Foothill College is the representative voice of over 13,000 Foothill College students; and²

WHEREAS, Foothill College has the second highest graduation and transfer rate of all top community colleges in California at 68.8%; and³

WHEREAS, Foothill College is know for it's commitment to inclusion and has as it's purpose, "Educational opportunity for all with innovation and distinction" supporting opportunity for recognition of all Foothill students who have achieved their educational goal; and

WHEREAS, Foothill College students transferring to a four-year institution without a certificate or AA/AS degree are currently not included in the annual spring commencement ceremony; and

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Foothill College unanimously support transfer students being a part of commencement alongside students receiving certificates and degrees; (ASFC General Meeting, May 21, 2015)

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of Foothill College respectfully request support from the Academic Senate to recognize all students who have achieved their educational goals inclusive of transfer in the annual commencement ceremonies, and

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that Foothill College transfer students are recognized at the commencement ceremonies for the four-year institutions they will be transferring to and their area of study; and that the venue remain in the library quad.

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that starting Spring 2016 Foothill College transfer students will be included in all future annual commencement ceremonies and be recognized equally as Foothill College students receiving a certificate or degree.

Submitted on behalf of the Associated Students of Foothill College, on May 28, 2015 by Josh Rosales, President.

By _____ Date _____

¹<http://foothill.edu/campuslife/documents/ASFCConstitution.pdf>

²<http://www.collegetransfer.net/FoothillCollege/TransferProfile/tabid/145/Default.aspx>

³<http://www.edsmart.org/top-community-colleges-california>