

Respectfully submitted to the Board of Directors of California State University, Los Angeles, Associated Students, IncorporatedResolution Number 201701Submission Date: 7/20/2017Approval Date: TBD

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CAMPUS ACCESSABILITY FOR STUDENTS WITH BLINDNESS/LIMITED VISION/LOW VISION/ PARTIALY SIGHTED/VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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- **WHEREAS,** the Associated Students, Incorporated (A.S.I.) is the single recognized voice for over 25,000 students at California State University of Los Angeles; and
- WHEREAS, A.S.I. recognizes the application of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 at California State University, Los Angeles not just as legally necessary, but as just and right to allow for all students to properly access the campus safely; and
- WHEREAS, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973's primary effect on post-secondary institutions is program accessibility for students with disabilities including, but not limited to, the traditional physical access of the campus; and
- WHEREAS, the ADA, expanding on the protections of Section 504, requires that students with disabilities not be denied the benefits of, excluded from the participation in, or otherwise discriminated against accessing educational programs, activities, and public space in accordance with the ADA ; and
- WHEREAS, A.S.I. paves the way for the university to acknowledge how events and temporary buildouts and structures to the campus can impede the routes and pathways that students with visual impairments take ; and
- WHEREAS, it is the practice of A.S.I. to use best practices and actively take steps to provide reasonable accommodations to permit students who are blind/limited vision/low vision/partially sighted/visually impaired to ensure that California State University, Los Angeles is an inclusive environment that is responsive to the needs of all students; let it be
- **RESOLVED,** that A.S.I. will submit a detailed description of the layout of their programs a week prior to the event to the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD)



including information regarding: the space on campus the event will occupy, a description of the event, what the set up for the event includes, and any additional information deemed necessary; be it also

- **RESOLVED,** that events in which A.S.I. partners with department or club and organization at California State University, Los Angeles or off campus clubs and organizations are required to submit the same above information a week prior to the date of the event to OSD; be it further
- **RESOLVED,** that events hosted by California State University, Los Angeles clubs and organizations who seek funding from A.S.I. for their event are required to submit the above description of said event to OSD a week prior to the date of the event; be it additionally
- **RESOLVED,** that all descriptions of events sent to OSD be typed, emailed, and descriptive. The email will be sent to the Assistant Director of OSD to the following email address: <u>cstansberry@calstatela.edu</u> Said descriptions of events may include a visual graphic of the event layout to better help OSD interpret the detailed response of the event layout, but will not be sent to the students with visual impairments-only the text description will be sent; be it finally
- **RESOLVED,** that copies of this resolution will be sent to President William A. Covino, Nancy Wada-McKee, Lynn Mahoney, (A & L) Dean Rennie Schoepflin, (B & E) Dean Rami Maysami, (CCOE) Dean Cheryl Ney, (ECST) Dean Emily Allen, (HHS) Dean Ron Vogel, (NSS) Dean Pamela Scott-Johnson, (Professional & Global Education) Dean Eric Bullard, Director of Honors College Trinh Pham, (University Library) Dean Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Accessible Technology & Alternative Media Coordinator Jose Amenero, the Office for Students with Disabilities, and the Center for Student Involvement.



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