



VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION 18-06

SUPPORT FOR FAIR COMPENSATION OF STUDY ABROAD PROFESSORS

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SPONSORED BY: Chief of Staff Slaton, Senator Bakari, Senator McCrae, Senator Vuong, Senator Hartman, Speaker Bell

Be it enacted by the Senate of Valdosta State University (VSU) here assembles, that:

WHEREAS, the opportunity to study abroad has numerous academic and social benefits for students

WHEREAS, the strategic plan of the current VSU administration includes increasing student retention

WHEREAS, the strategic plan of the current VSU administration includes fostering experiential opportunities for students in all departments

WHEREAS, professors who teach a four credit-hour study abroad course in the summer receive less compensation than they do for teaching the same course on campus

WHEREAS, paying professors less to teach a study abroad course in the summer discourages professors from participating in study abroad programs; such policies contradict the VSU administration's strategic plan to foster experiential opportunities

WHEREAS, students wishing to attend summer study abroad programs in departments that teach four credit-hour courses may look to other institutions for the opportunity if they are not offered at VSU; policies that result in this contradict the VSU administration's strategic plan to increase retention

WHEREAS, the VSU Faculty Senate has proposed a change in the compensation policy for faculty teaching four credit-hour study abroad courses in the summer

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this SGA supports the proposal put forth by the Faculty Senate, and requests that the Valdosta State University administration raise the current compensation of four credit-hour summer study abroad courses to thirteen percent (13%) of the professor's contract salary

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, SGA suggests that these changes be prioritized and implemented as soon as possible; SGA strongly discourages delaying these proposed changes and hopes fair compensation will be implemented by the end of the current academic semester, which is Spring 2018.

FINALLY, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, upon passage of this resolution, this document and an attached copy of the aforementioned Faculty Senate's proposal will be sent to the current VSU Provost on behalf of the entire Valdosta State Student Government Association and, by extension, the student body which it represents.

For: 21 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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APPROVED DENIED VETOED Date: 2/26/2018

[Signature], Student Government President