

## The Associated Students of the California Maritime Academy A Resolution of Watch Standing During Finals Week

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WHEREAS, The Associated Students of the California Maritime Academy (Association) is the officially recognized voice for the students of the California Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime); and

**WHEREAS,** The authority of the Association shall be vested in its Executive Officers and in the A.S. Council; and

**WHEREAS,** The Association believes that leadership skills developed by cadets at Cal Maritime come from several important and distinctive avenues, among these, the Corps of Cadets; and

WHEREAS, Essential to the leadership-training program at Cal Maritime is the Corps of Cadets, to which every student belongs. Through participation in the Corps of Cadets, cadets develop the self-discipline, self-esteem, and character that will help them succeed in their chosen careers. Being a cadet means being responsible, reliable, punctual, patient, professional, and attentive to detail; and

WHEREAS, Academics at the California Maritime Academy are held to such high esteem being that it is a part of the California Maritime Academy Mission.

"The mission for Cal Maritime defines our purposes as an organization. Our educational community subscribes to the following statement of what we will do. Our mission is to:

- Provide each student with a college education combining intellectual learning, applied technology, leadership development, and global awareness.
- Provide the highest quality licensed officers and other personnel for the merchant marine and national maritime industries.
- Provide continuing education opportunities for those in the transportation and related industries.
- Be an information and technology resource center for the transportation and related industries."; and

WHEREAS, Our CSU, unlike many other CSU campuses, does not have a "dead week" (a week when no classes take place or when no new material is introduced) to allow ample study time before Finals Week; and

**WHEREAS**, All those that belong the Corps of Cadets are required to continue standing watch into Finals week, which deprives them of time to study; and

WHEREAS, Watch standing often conflicts with final test scheduling; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, A committee shall be enacted to actively pursue a solution so that students will not stand watch during finals week. This committee shall be chaired by the Executive President of the Associated Students and comprised of representatives from the following departments: the Captain of the T.S.G.B. or their designee, a member of the Office of the Commandant, a member of the Housing and Residential Life Department, a Resident Assistant, a Associated Students Board member, a member of the Corp Staff, a member of the Academic Senate, a member of the Campus Police Services, and a member of the Finance Office; and be it finally,

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to, CMA President Thomas Cropper, Commanding Officer of the U.S. Training Ship GOLDEN BEAR Harry Bolton, CMA Campus Deans, CMA Vice Presidents, CMA Department Directors, Executive Officers of the Corps of Cadets, ASCMA Executive Officers, ASCMA Council, and the student body of The California Maritime Academy.

**Passed and Adopted,** this 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of September, Two Thousand and Thirteen, by a unanimous vote

Kevin P. Sweeney, Executive President
Associated Students of the California Maritime Academy