



**The Associated Students of the California Maritime Academy**

**A Resolution of Accountable and Transparent Policy Changes**

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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; 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 The California Maritime Academy come from several important and distinctive avenues, among these, the Corps of Cadets; and
- Whereas,** Essential to the leadership training program at The California Maritime Academy 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,** The Association recognizes it is an honor to be a cadet at The California Maritime Academy and that honor carries with it pride and responsibility that exceeds that of the normal college student. The California Maritime Academy cadet is asked to do more, is held to higher standards of personal conduct and professionalism, and is given more responsibility than the traditional college student; and
- Whereas,** It has been an annual trend for The California Maritime Academy to implement required and mandatory activities during or in the middle of an academic year that affects the scheduling and curriculum of the Corps of Cadets. These required and mandatory activities such as the implementation of *Clean Sweep*, *CC Watch*, or the *Campus Stewardship Hours* have had great effect on not only the day to day lives of the student body of The California Maritime Academy, but also the curricular and extracurricular schedules that the students of The California Maritime Academy had scheduled prior to being made aware to these activities; and be it
- Resolved,** That the Association calls on the President, the Administration, the Division of Student Affairs, and the Office of the Commandant to recognize the need for accountability, documentation, transparency, and responsibility that they must take in regards to implementing required and mandatory activities; and be it further
- Resolved,** That the Association urges the California Maritime Academy Administration to ensure that if the aforementioned bodies plan on implementing new required and mandatory activities that the activities being planned are completed, approved, and announced prior to the academic year except under extreme circumstance of law. Also, they shall be done so in a timely manner that takes into consideration the additional curricular and extracurricular activities affected by such plans as to leave ample time for the Corps of Cadets of The California Maritime Academy to be informed and prepare appropriately; 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, Commanding Officer of the Corps of Cadets, ASCMA Executive Officers, ASCMA Council, and the student body of The California Maritime Academy.

**Passed and Adopted,** *this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, Two Thousand and Thirteen, by an unanimous vote*

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Associated Students of the California Maritime Academy