UNIVERSITY OF MAINE STUDENT GOVERNMENT, INC. GENERAL STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION "CANS REVITALIZATION ACT"

Date: 11-3-2025 Resolution #: 46S-POL-130-11-4-2025

AN ACT TO: Transform the now-defunct Commuter and Non-Traditional Students representative board into a special committee of the General Student Senate.

WHEREAS, Commuter and Non-Traditional Students are an important part of the student population that are currently not being represented by an active organization. The previously existing CANS board has fallen vacant; and

WHEREAS, Transfer students face extra difficulties in navigating campus resources and might not have a formal avenue for voicing these concerns; and

RESOLVED, the Chair of CANS shall be an elected senator or representative, voted in by the GSS; and

RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, CANS will be de-classified as a representative board and removed from the agenda. The Non-Traditional, Commuter, and Transfer Students Committee will join the agenda as a special committee; and

RESOLVED, Should Commuter and Non-Traditional Students be re-establish as a representative board, this committee would be dissolved upon completion of that process; and

RESOLVED, the Commuter and Non-Traditional Students Committee will be responsible for:

- 1. Aggregating and advocating for the needs and concerns of transfer, commuter, and non-traditional students on campus.
- 2. Meeting with faculty responsible for overseeing Commuter and Non-Traditional Student Programs.
- 3. Maintain support for First Friday Bagels as a Commuter and Non-Traditional Student focused program.
- 4. Ensure continued contact with the committee's target population through tabling, surveys and other outreach efforts by discretion of the chair.
- 5. Create a space for the targeted student population to exchange information, create connections with other commuters and non-traditional students, and anything else by discretion of the chair.
- 6. All other duties delegated by the GSS.

AUTHOR:

VPSO Thompson and Senator Sparks

SPONSOR:

Senator Schultz

COMMITTEE:

Policy and Procedure

RECOMMENDATION:

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SENATE VOTE:

[PASSED/PASSED WITH AMENDMENTS/FAILED]

SIGNATURE:

President, University of Maine General Student Senate

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