

Ordinance 24-1-O

Sponsors:

1. *Matthew Schell - Senator, College of Natural Sciences
2. Hayden Bentz - Vice President
3. Rylee Sabo - Chief of Staff
4. Claire Koenecke - Government Affairs Chair
5. Gabrielle Fink- Communications Chair
6. Oscar Garcia- Diversity Liaison
7. Alex Schemek - Senator, College of Natural Sciences
8. Emma Peterson - Senator At-Large
9. Emily Robbins - Senator At-Large
10. Grant Sternhagen - Senator, Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering
11. Mason Pulse - Senator, Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering
12. Hannah Markley - Senator, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
13. McKenzie Hofer - Senator At-Large
14. Blake Gibney - Senator At-Large
15. Madeline Brink - Senator, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
16. Taylor Tennant - Senator At-Large
17. Victoria Vazquez - Senator, College of Natural Sciences
18. Sophie Spier - Senator At-Large
19. Eleanor Wehseler - Senator At-Large
20. Grace Barnett - Senator, College of Nursing

Title of Ordinance: SDSU Students' Association support on the Establishment and Revisitation of the Honors College Ex-Officio Position for the 2025-2026 Term

WHEREAS the Van D. and Barbara B. Fishback Honors College significantly contributes to academic enrichment and enhanced student activities at SDSU; and

WHEREAS the Honors College offers a unique educational experience combining applied thinking, innovation, leadership, research, travel, and service without additional cost; and

WHEREAS the Honors College Minor in Applied Thinking & Innovation provides further academic opportunities for SDSU students; and

WHEREAS the Honors College community consists of students across all seven core academic colleges at SDSU, representing a diverse and dynamic body of scholars; and

WHEREAS Honors College students are engaged in valuable campus leadership roles at a disproportionately higher rate compared to their representation in the undergraduate population (8-9% of SDSU undergraduates)¹, such as:

- LeadState Student Coaches (44%)
- Students' Association Senators (40%)
- Students' Association Executive Team (57%)
- Admissions Ambassadors (23%)
- Wintrode Tutors (44%)
- New Student Orientation Leaders (39%)
- Anatomy Teaching or Dissection Team members (47%); and

WHEREAS Honors students represent 70 different academic majors and are enrolled across all seven core academic colleges¹:

- College of Agriculture, Food, & Environmental Science – 98
- College of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences – 107
- College of Education & Human Sciences – 60
- Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering – 99
- College of Natural Sciences – 166
- College of Nursing – 82
- College of Pharmacy & Allied Health Professions – 56; and

WHEREAS the Students' Association created an Honors Senator Amendment Task Force during the 2024-2025 academic year; and

WHEREAS the student task force addressed ways in which the Honors College can gain further recognition and support on the Students' Association Senate; and

WHEREAS the task force determined the following be ordained; therefore

BE IT ORDAINED that for the 2025-2026 Students' Association Senate term, an Honors College Ex-Officio position shall be added as an official member of the Students' Association Senate; and

¹ Data points represent the 2023-2024 academic term

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Honors College Ex-Officio position is subject to a mandated revisitation three (3) weeks prior to the opening of the President/Vice President slate for the 2026 Students' Association Election, at which time the Election Steering Committee will make a recommendation if the Ex-Officio member shall be replaced with a Students' Association Senator seat; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if the Election Steering Committee sees fit to create a Van D. and Barbara B. Fishback Honors College senator seat, they shall introduce an amendment to the Students' Association bylaws to propose the creation of the position; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if the Election Steering Committee does not recommend the conversion of the Ex-Officio position to a Senator seat, the member shall retain their role as an Honors College Ex-Officio representative within the Students' Association Senate, given they continue to abide by the responsibilities as outlined in the Students' Association Senate bylaws; and

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that this ordinance reflects the commitment of the SDSU Students' Association to continually integrate and elevate the contributions of the Honors College, ensuring that the valuable perspectives of its scholars are sustained and recognized in our campus governance.

Pass x Fail (Date: 3/31/2025)

Roll Call: Aye 26 Nay (Date: 3/31/2025)

Chairperson Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trinity Peterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.