

SENATE RESOLUTION
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TITLE	Proposition to Mandate Syllabus Resources
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WHEREAS, the University of California, Riverside is currently in [Phase 2](#) of its [UCR Planning Planning Framework](#) and has officially announced that the coming quarter, [Winter 2021](#), will be taking place in a remote format;

WHEREAS, the University of California, Riverside has [acknowledged](#) the immediate health risks and academic risks COVID-19 places on students;

WHEREAS, the [Center for Disease Control Prevention](#) has stated that those with disabilities may be at an increased risk of becoming infected by COVID-19 or having unrecognized illness;

WHEREAS, the [Center for Disease Control Prevention](#) has also stated that institutions of higher education should plan for modifications, accommodations, and assistance for students with disabilities and special healthcare needs;

WHEREAS, according to a study done at [Cornell University](#) and [University of Washington](#), students with disabilities and health concerns “reported that they have experienced more COVID-19 related adversities compared to their peers without disabilities/health concerns” and required greater accessibility to online learning tools;

WHEREAS, the [American Disabilities Act of 1990](#) prohibits the “discrimination against People with Disabilities in all areas of public life,” such as school;

WHEREAS, the [Student Disability Resource Center](#) has been dedicated to “promoting an inclusive educational experience for UC Riverside students through the advocacy of equal access, disability and ability awareness, and empowerment,” for over the last 50 years;

WHEREAS, the current [academic accommodations process](#) for chronic and temporary disabilities being student-driven, with the first step of the two-week process being based on the student reaching out to the SDRC and acquiring disability documentation.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That The Associated Students of UC Riverside -

- (1) Shall advocate for the following statement to be mandated in every professor's course syllabus:
 "UC Riverside is committed to providing equal access to learning opportunities to students with documented disabilities. To ensure access to this class, and your program, please contact the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) to engage in a confidential conversation about the process for requesting accommodations in the classroom. More information can be found on <https://sdrc.ucr.edu/apply-accommodations>. If you are a student registered with the SDRC, please ensure you request your quarterly accommodations through rability.ucr.edu.
 Given the current health pandemic, UCR is committed to ensuring the safety of our students, and has a [24/7 Wellness Hotline \(844-827-6827\)](tel:844-827-6827). If you experience one COVID-19 related symptom, been exposed to someone known to have COVID-10, or tested positive for COVID-19 this line can assist you.
Please Note: Information gathered when calling in does not constitute protected health information under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), however, any information retained is done so in compliance with applicable law(s). The use of information gathered by calling in will not be made a part of the user's personnel file and will be accessed and utilized on a limited, need-to-know basis."
- (2) *Let it be Further Resolved* that the Associated Students of UC Riverside shall stand by students who experience temporary or chronic disabilities, understanding that they may be disproportionately impacted by the adversities of a virtual learning environment.
- (3) *Let it be Further Resolved* that the Associated Students of UC Riverside shall address this issue while keeping in mind students with temporary or chronic disabilities from a perspective of neurodiversity.
- (4) *Let it be Further Resolved* that the Associated Students of UC Riverside shall contact the Academic Senate in order to further the progress of legislation and have it implemented this academic year.

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