

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-3449-20/FGA
September 17-18, 2020

**SUPPORTING CSU STUDENT VETERANS TAKING REMOTE COURSES
DURING COVID-19**

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) recognize that the shift to remote instruction planned for Spring 2021, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, may have a negative impact on CSU veteran students using GI Bill benefits and housing allowances, which are based on in-person courses; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU recognize the passage of Senate Bill 3503 in Spring 2020 allowed the Department of Veteran Affairs to continue paying housing allowances at the in-person course rate through December 31, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU urge Congress to pass legislation and the President to sign legislation that would allow veterans to receive benefits while participating in remote learning courses during Spring 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to the President of the United States, CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor, CSU campus Presidents, CSU campus Senate Chairs, CSU campus Senate Executive Committees, CSU Provosts/Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs, CSU Veterans Affairs Director, CSU Veteran Services Coordinators, California Faculty Association (CFA), California State Student Association (CSSA), CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty & Staff Association (CSU-ERFSA), Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges, Academic Senate of the University of California, California Community Colleges' Board of Governors, University of California Board of Regents, California Assembly leadership, California Senate leadership.

***RATIONALE:** On September 10, 2020, Chancellor White announced, "that the CSU will continue with this primarily virtual instructional approach for the academic term that begins in January 2021." Without Congressional action, veterans will lose benefits and housing allowances because of the virtual delivery of CSU courses.*

The United States Congressional bill (S.3503) authorized the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to treat certain programs of education converted to distance learning by reasons of emergency and health-related situations in the same manner as programs of education pursued at educational institutions, and for other purposes expires on December 21, 2020.

Approved – September 17-18, 2020