

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

of

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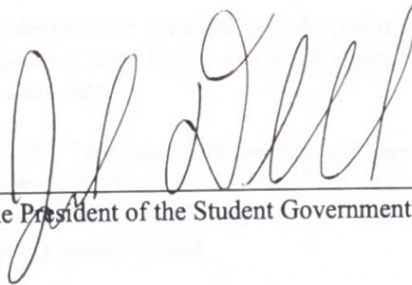
MEASURE OF THE SENATE

The American Sign Language Resolution

*To establish an accredited American Sign Language course
at Loyola University Chicago*

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to be filed by the Secretary of the Senate



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Signed by the President of the Student Government of Loyola Chicago

Chiefly Sponsored By:
Senator Tiffany Boguslawski

Co-Sponsored By:
Senator Sophie Yano
Senator Grace Devick
Senator Andrew Buchholz
Senator Luke Dorrian
Senator Madelynne Drescher

The American Sign Language Resolution
*To establish an accredited American Sign Language course
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- Whereas,** The Student Government of Loyola Chicago, hereafter referred to as SGLC, recommends that Loyola University Chicago offer American Sign Language, hereafter referred to as ASL, as an accredited course at Loyola University Chicago, and
- Whereas,** Loyola American Sign Language Club, a Registered Student Organization, was created, in part, to stimulate the conversation about a potential ASL class, and
- Whereas,** Since the beginning of the 2017-2018 academic year, over 70 students have shown interest in the ASL club and learning the language, and
- Whereas,** Dr. Jacqueline Long, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, acknowledged that ASL is an accepted foreign language, but is not currently offered by Loyola University Chicago, and
- Whereas,** The Department of Modern Languages requires that 12 students commit to taking an ASL class before one could be created, and
- Whereas,** 33 undergraduate students signed a paper petition¹ indicating that, should a class be created for the Fall 2018 semester, they would be willing to take said class, and
- Whereas,** 388 of the 740 undergraduate students who took the 2018 SGLC survey answered "Yes" to the question, "*Would you enroll in an American Sign Language course in the fall semester of 2018 if it was offered as a foreign language credit?*", and
- Whereas,** The Chairperson of the Department of Modern Languages, Dr. Susana Cavallo, agreed to take on the initiative of creating an ASL class, and
- Whereas,** Dr. Cavallo has informed the Academic Affairs Committee that the Department of Modern Languages is actively looking into hiring an ASL professor, but would not be able to make the class a reality until Spring 2019, and

¹ "We, the undersigned students of Loyola University Chicago, support implementing American Sign Languages courses on the Loyola campus to be taken as foreign language credit. By signing this document, we pledge to take American Sign Language courses offered by the Modern Language Department beginning in Fall 2018"

Be It Resolved,

SGLC supports the Department of Modern Languages in their efforts to create an accredited ASL class for the Spring 2019 semester and beyond.