



Faculty Senate of California State University Maritime Academy

Resolution 22-23/05

April 27, 2023

Vote (For/Against/Abstain): 15/0/0

RESOLUTION TO REFORM WATCHSTANDING

WHEREAS: Watchstanding on the Training Ship Golden Bear (TSGB) is an important professional development activity currently required by the California State University Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime) of all license-track and many engineering cadets enrolled at the University, and

WHEREAS: Watchstanding on the TSGB provides important shipboard training opportunities for future employment in addition to the accrual of sea-time that supports cadets' efforts to complete their STCW requirements for licensing and graduation; and

WHEREAS: Other non-license cadets are required to stand watch for vessel security on the waterfront; and

WHEREAS: Standing vessel security watches on the waterfront provides significantly less professional development for non-licensed cadets compared to their license-track counterparts who stand watch on the ship; and

WHEREAS: Other activities can be assigned as professional development activities for non-license cadets that simultaneously provide professional development training and preparation for their careers, not unlike how watchstanding on the TSGB currently prepares license-track cadets for their careers; and

WHEREAS: Curriculum and Academy-Wide Learning Outcomes are the purview of the faculty.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of Cal Maritime assert that the requirements for watchstanding are the purview of individual academic departments, and may include professional development activities that are better suited to those departments' educational and career training needs, and be it

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of Cal Maritime establishes that watchstanding include elements that train students in accountability and punctuality in addition to other professional preparation determined by their major departments, and be it

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of Cal Maritime call for a faculty working group to develop options for professional development activities and learning outcomes for non-license students, and be it

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of Cal Maritime calls on the Administration to provide fiscal resources and personnel to support the timely implementation of professional development activities for non-licensed programs where relevant, and be it

RESOLVED: That this resolution be distributed to the:

- President of CSU Maritime Academy
- Provost
- Deans
- Department Chairs
- Compass Leadership