



Senate Bill No.: 2012-13-14
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Author: Victoria Rodriguez, Senator, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Referred to: University Affairs
Committee Action: Approved (votes: 3-0-0)
Senate Action: Approved (votes: 12-0-0)
Subject: **Addition of Purple Video Relay Service to Various Campus Offices**


1. WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. is the official voice of over 34,000 students of California State University, Northridge (CSUN); and
2. WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. is the primary advocate for students at California State University, Northridge and provides programs and services designed to create and enhance a spirited, learning-focused campus environment; and
3. WHEREAS: There are “approximately 175 deaf and hard of hearing students who attend CSUN each semester”¹; and
4. WHEREAS: CSUN “is the only two institutions in the nation that offers a comprehensive undergraduate in the area of Deaf Studies that has been acknowledged as a leader in providing quality education and extensive resources”²; and
5. WHEREAS: Many campus offices do not have fluent American Sign Language staff to communicate with these offices if an interpreter is not available to assist students on short notice; and
6. WHEREAS: CSUN students and faculty could benefit from having new resources and technology to better communicate between both hearing and deaf and hard-of-hearing students and staff; and
7. WHEREAS: Purple Video Relay Services provides deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals means to communicate over video desktop and mobile devices with hearing


¹ <http://www.csun.edu/ncod/about/>

² <http://www.csun.edu/education/dfst/>

individuals in real time using American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters³; and therefore let it be

1. RESOLVED: That the Associated Students, Inc. at CSUN acknowledges that the previously used teletypewriters is outdated technology and new Purple Video Relay Service technology should be used on campus to enhance communication for all students on this campus; and let it be further
2. RESOLVED: That the Associated Students, Inc. at CSUN calls on Bayramian Hall, Dept. of Police Services, Michael D. Eisner College of Education, Oviatt Library, Student Recreation Center, the University Corporation Matador Bookstore, the Associated Students, Inc., and the University Student Union, to install Purple Video Relay Service software on the front desk computers for have easier access to communicate to these offices; and let it be further
3. RESOLVED: That the Associated Students, Inc. at CSUN calls on these offices to promote the newly added software to students by using additional signage or marketing so that students are aware that is it available; and let it be further
4. RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution will be distributed widely, including but not limited to the following:
 - Dr. Dianne Harrison, CSUN President
 - Dr. William Watkins, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students
 - Hilary Baker, Vice President of Information Technology and Chief Information Officer
 - Dr. Flavia Fleischer, Chair of Deaf Studies
 - Patricia Lord, Director of Admissions and Records
 - Lili Vidal, Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships
 - Dr. Mark Stover, Dean of Oviatt Library
 - Marianne Afifi, Associate Dean of Oviatt Library
 - Amy Berger, Director of Matador Bookstore
 - Roslyn Rosen, Director of the National Center on Deafness
 - Chief Anne P. Glavin, Director of CSUN Police Services
 - Debra Hammond, Exec. Director of University Student Union
 - Jimmy Francis, Director of Student Recreation Center
 - Deaf CSUNians
 - Deaf Studies Association
 - Daily Sundial


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³ <http://www.purple.us/overview?mID=96>