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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Fifth Student Body Senate
Resolution 55-03**

[Resolution to Create an Ad Hoc Caucus for Military and Veterans]

WHEREAS, The need for representation of the Student Body is constantly changing and evolving;
WHEREAS, the proposed caucus aims to support a diverse group of students who are Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve members, as well as spouses and dependents of these service members who are also students;
WHEREAS, these individuals often face unique challenges and require specialized attention and resources;
WHEREAS, a dedicated platform is necessary to advocate for legislation that protects the rights of service members, veterans, and their families who are students at the University of Central Florida; and
WHEREAS, This Resolution will go into effect immediately.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Fifth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that an Ad Hoc Caucus named the Military and Veterans Caucus is formed;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that because Senate Rule 2: "Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees, and Caucuses" does not outline how to establish an Ad Hoc Caucus, Senate Rule 2.02 "Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee" will be used as the guideline to establish the Military and Veteran Ad Hoc Caucus;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Military and Veteran Ad Hoc Caucus will follow the rules set out by the Constitution, Statutes and Senate Rules of the Student Government of the University of Central Florida;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Military and Veteran Ad Hoc Caucus shall have the following objective: To advocate for policies that ensure the well-being and support of Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve members, as well as spouses and dependents of these service members who are also students in areas such as healthcare, mental health services, employment opportunities, housing assistance, educational benefits, and needs relating to student life;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Military and Veteran Ad Hoc Caucus will operate concurrently with the Fifty-Fifth Student Senate Session of the University of Central Florida;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at the expiration of the Military and Veteran Ad Hoc Caucus a resolution may be passed to establish the caucus as a permanent standing caucus based on its success;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Military and Veteran Ad Hoc Caucus shall be considered successful based on the increase of attention and the needs being met of the specified group accordingly, during the Fifty-Fifth Student Senate Session of the University of Central Florida; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Military and Veteran Ad Hoc Caucus shall allow any Student Government Agent to serve as Chair or Vice Chair, hence this Resolution overrides the jurisdiction of Senate Rule 2.07 "Membership of Caucuses", section E.

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