

**Resolution Number:** 406-2018

**Title:** Amendment to Current Statements of Position or Policy 'E-3 School Closings'

**Reference Committee Assignment:** Governance

**Sponsor:** 2017-18 Governance Work Group

**Financial Impact:** None

**Background:** The Governance Work Group wanted to clarify that fourth year students at a closing dental school should be able to graduate; therefore, be it

### RESOLUTION

**Resolved,** that ASDA's Current Statements of Position or Policy 'E-3 School Closings (1985, revised 1989, 1990, 1991, 1998, 1999, 2016)' be amended to read as follows:

In the event of the closing of a dental school or postdoctoral dental training program, students and residents must be provided a proper and humane transition with a specific phase-out action to protect their rights. ASDA's position is that it is the responsibility of the school or program to protect its students and residents in the following ways:

- a. Assurances that the same standards of high quality education under which students or residents were accepted will be maintained.
- b. Assurances that the school or program will continue to meet accreditation standards as set by the Commission on Dental Accreditation
- c. Assurances that all reimbursements will be made by the dental school for any classes, supplies and materials paid for and not provided to the student.
- d. The ASDA President will contact the school's Dean or program director to obtain his personal assurance that a phase-out committee will be established immediately to enforce the phase-out plan. In the case of a dental school, this committee will be composed of student, faculty, and administration representatives.
- e. Assistance in transfers/relocation.
- f. Advice and support in seeking legal counsel.
- g. The immediate disclosure of pertinent closing information to the students or residents as it becomes available.
- h. In the case of a dental school, ~~closing, avoid at all cost~~ **all attempts should be made to ensure to place fourth year students are able to graduate from their matriculated institution. due to differences in dental school curricula and the inevitable compromise in the students' dental education.**

In addition, in the event of an impending dental school closure, a letter will be sent to that state's legislators at the request of the school's delegates, to explain the health and economic impact of a dental school's closure. Chapter delegates will be provided with the *Guidelines for Student Action After a Dental School Announces Closure*, along with other resources that may be available from the central office including information about the circumstances of prior school closings.

Finally, in the event of the closing of a dental school or postdoctoral dental training program, an announcement with guidelines will be sent to all first delegates requesting their assistance in:

- a. Finding temporary and permanent housing for transferring students
- b. Providing mentors to assimilate transferring students to the new academic and clinical environment; and
- c. Updating membership information so transferring students can receive their benefits and publications in a timely manner.

**Action:** The Chair moves 406-2018 with a recommendation of a yes vote and to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**House of Delegates Action:** Referred to the 2018-19 Governance Committee to provide recommendations at the 2019 ASDA House of Delegates.