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MARINE CORPS UNIVERSITY POLICY LETTER 7-03

From: President, Marine Corps University/Commanding General,
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Subj: STUDENTS' ROLE AND PARTICIPATION IN INSTITUTIONAL
DECISION-MAKING

1. Purpose. To provide the Marine Corps University (MCU) statement of policy regarding the role and participation of students in institutional decision-making within the University.

2. Cancellation. MCU Policy Letter 7-99, dated 12 November 1999.

3. Background. The Marine Corps University student body consists of professionals who are empowered to serve and lead within service, joint, and multi-national environments at the tactical, operational, and strategic levels of war. Incorporating student participation in the MCU decision-making processes allows the University to leverage the input of those that we educate. This policy letter publishes the MCU statement related to student governance.

4. Policy

a. It is the policy of this headquarters that students play an important role in institutional decision-making within the University, and that they should participate actively in that process. Regardless of the school or college within the University, student participation in institutional decision-making is important to the health of the University. The precise character of the role played by students is for the school or college director to determine, subject to review by Headquarters, MCU.

b. Each school or college within MCU will define their students' role and participation in institutional decision-making. A logical place for that definition is the individual school or college Standing Operating Procedure or Academic

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Regulations. Areas in which school or college directors can define the role and participation of students in institutional decision-making include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Class Organization, including "chain of command" positions and their responsibilities

(2) Course Content Review Boards

(3) Academic and other awards

(4) Base support of activity requirements

(5) Academic freedom and non-attribution

(6) Plagiarism

5. Applicability. The provisions of this policy apply to all MCU school and college directors.



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