



Associated Students of Western Washington University
Board of Directors

A Resolution Regarding Gender Neutral Restroom
November 2012

WHEREAS, it is a paramount duty of the Associated Students to ensure that all students have access to public services, including restrooms; and,

WHEREAS, safe access to public services is not a luxury or a special right; and,

WHEREAS, gender-segregated restrooms impede the ability of some students to access public restrooms by creating uncomfortable and unsafe spaces, thereby denying them full access to public life; and,

WHEREAS, people with disabilities are not able to bring their differently gendered attendants or family members into restrooms; and,

WHEREAS, fifty percent of trans* people report having been harassed or assaulted in gender-segregated multi-stall restrooms; and,

WHEREAS, gender-segregated restrooms have also been sites of sexual orientation-based intimidated, harassment, and assault; and,

WHEREAS, according to the 2012 Campus Climate Survey, LGBT students have witnessed and experienced more harassment than any other group on campus; and,

WHEREAS, gender-neutral restrooms promote diversity on our campus and foster an environment that acknowledges, appreciates, respects, and creates equal opportunity for our diverse student body; and,

WHEREAS, the AS Strategic Plan upholds the value of inclusion and a commitment to diversity and non-discrimination; and,

WHEREAS, the AS Board of Directors has acknowledged the responsibility to expand access to gender-neutral restrooms on campus; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Associated Students work to actualize this goal by working to amend internal policy; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Associated Students Program Standards Section IV be amended to require that all events with an expected attendance of 150 people or more put on by AS programming offices must make a best-faith effort to provide at least one gender-neutral restroom for their attendees.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that all Associated Students staff developments must make a best-faith effort to provide at least one gender-neutral restroom each day of training. Make-up trainings and the AS Day of Service are excluded from this standard.

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