



'Take Back the Night featuring Staceyann Chin, April 24th, 2014'

Proposed Motions: Approve Take Back the Night as a Gender-Targeted Program

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Background & Context

This event has historically been gender targeted at women-identified students and community members due to the nature of the event being for "women to take back the streets," fighting against gender violence and demanding safety in both public and private spaces. However, it is important to continue including trans* identified people in the march, as they also face a large amount of discrimination and violence just by virtue of their identity.

Summary of Proposal

In 2014, The Women's Center will be putting on its annual Take Back the Night Rally and March, a required event for the office. This event will include "Why I Fight" statements of survivorship and strength from WWU students and community members, a performance by keynote speaker Staceyann Chin, a rally, and a march through downtown Bellingham. The speaker and rally segment of this event will be inclusive for folks of all gender identities. However we are requesting that participants in the march portion of the event be limited to students and community members who identify as an underrepresented gender (women and trans* identities).

Take Back the Night is intended to honor the voices, spaces and safety of those with an underrepresented gender identity, and we believe in the power of gendered spaces to make events such as this march a safe and welcoming space for women and trans* students/community members only.

It should also be noted that the rally and post-march book signing segments of the event are open to all genders. Western Men Against Violence will be co-sponsoring this event, and will host a Candlelight Vigil during the march in order to give individuals who identify as men a chance to participate and show their support.

Fiscally

"What are the financial implications?"

This section shall dissect the financial implications of this proposal. It will list items to be expensed, the current status of effected budgets (up to date budget tracker). If significant AS Dollars are effected, consultation with AS VP for Business and Operations should be had before proposing.

Rationale

"Why does this proposal make sense?" What's the short & long term benefit?

Notes: Why do we create summary or cover sheets?

- 1) **Lays everything out on one document**
- 2) **Saves time during meeting by reducing the number of basic questions**
- 3) **Written so students or lay persons can read & understand**
- 4) **Record rationale historically**
- 5) **Its neater and nicer looking**
- 6) **You'll look prepared!**

- Turn documents in on time
- Think of general questions people would ask and include that in document beforehand
- Use feedback to make changes between meetings
- Track all changes to document
- Remember to make your document understandable you may have to go from a large & broad perspective until you reach the narrow/specific item you are on