



**Associated Students of Western Washington University**  
Board of Directors

**A Resolution Regarding Police Accountability**  
March 2015

**WHEREAS**, It was found that in 2012 a Black man was killed every 28 hours by police, security guards, and vigilantes, according to the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement; and,

**WHEREAS**, Washington State police have shot and killed more people in the past six months than the United Kingdom in the past three years; and,

**WHEREAS**, State and local police have gained more access to military equipment since 2006. Whatcom county has gained 82 night vision pieces, 11 assault rifles, two mine-resistant rifles and one armored vehicle, according to The New York Times; and,

**WHEREAS**, There is no mandated training for police regarding racial and gender profiling or critical cultural consciousness, for state or local departments; and,

**WHEREAS**, Black people make up 1.2 percent of the population in Whatcom county, and 5 percent of the Whatcom county; Native Americans make up 3.2 percent of Whatcom County, and 18 percent of Whatcom County Jail, according to Whatcom County Sheriffs Department; and,

**WHEREAS**, Western has admitted record numbers of students of color in its first-year classes; 25.4 percent in 2013, and roughly 28 percent in 2014; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Western Campus, Bellingham, and Whatcom County Police Departments are not representative of the communities they serve; and,

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, The Associated Students of Western Washington University urge the local police departments to create a plan for more transparency, as well as protective accountability.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, The ASWWU encourages the local police departments to adopt trainings regarding racial and gender profiling and critical cultural consciousness.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, (POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL RESOLVE, subject to police input).

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