



Associated Students of Western Washington University
Board of Directors

**A Resolution Regarding the Ethnic Student Center Demand for a standalone fully
funded building**
February 2016

WHEREAS, Western Washington University prides itself on inclusive practices and works to ensure that it is “an environment that welcome and embraces diversity” as stated in the University’s strategic plan;; and,

WHEREAS, Western’s mission states, “diversity is immeasurable and [we] practice inclusion within the classroom, beyond the classroom, and throughout our community”; and,

WHEREAS, the total number of self-identified students of color is 3,958 leaving only 1% of SOC to fit in the ESC; and,

WHEREAS, Western’s Diversity home page claims “Western is proud of the fact that it is increasingly becoming a school of choice for students of color; and,

WHEREAS, Western’s population for students of color has only increased 25% over 36 years; and,

WHEREAS, The Ethnic Student Center has remained in the same space for 25 years; and,

WHEREAS, the resources provided to students of color have historically been inadequate; and,

WHEREAS, Students from the ESC are demanding a fully-funded multicultural center that would provide space not only for students of color but queer, students with dis Abilities, and other students with marginalized identities; and,

WHEREAS, the Student of Color population on Western’s campus has increased only by 25% in over 36 years; and,

WHEREAS, the Associated Students support students, and particularly students of color, who work and advocate for a larger space; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, Direct membership in USSA is a worthwhile investment for the students of WWU.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, The Associated Students supports and agrees that Western Washington University shall provide marginalized students on this campus with a multi-cultural building..

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