



Associated Students of Western Washington University
Board of Directors

A Resolution Regarding Gender Neutral Restrooms
May 2012

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

WHEREAS, safe restroom access 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, gender segregated restrooms encourage people to read the gender of other occupants and police the space to keep it free of “wrongly” gendered people; and,

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

WHEREAS, health problems can develop as a result of a lack of access to restrooms; and,

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

WHEREAS, students with differently-gendered children should be able to accompany their children into the restroom; and,

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Associated Students supports the expansion of safe and accessible gender-neutral restrooms on campus.

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