Associated Students of Western Washington University
Board of Directors

A Resolution Regarding Inclusivity in the Classroom
February 2014

WHEREAS, Western Washington University prides itself on inclusive practices and works to ensure that it is “an environment that welcomes and embraces diversity”; and,

WHEREAS, Western's mission states that “diversity is immeasurable and [we] practice inclusion within the classroom, beyond the classroom, and throughout our community” with the classroom being a more then advantageous place to foster creation of an inclusive environment; and,

WHEREAS, Our student population is increasing in Ethnic diversity, as shown by changing enrollment to date with the 2013 class being the most diverse in history at 25%; and,

WHEREAS, According to the 2010 Campus Climate Survey 27% of Students of Color at Western said they witnessed discrimination, and 16% of Students of Color said they personally experienced discrimination on campus; and,

WHEREAS, Also according to the 2010 Campus Climate Survey 30% of LGBT students at Western said they witnessed discrimination, and 15% of LGBT students said they personally experienced discrimination on campus; and,

WHEREAS, The same survey also states that only 63% of people believe that campus is accessible for People with Disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, The Associated Students as advocates for all Western students value inclusivity for people of all marginalized and underrepresented identities; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Associated Students recommends that the Faculty Senate of Western Washington University add a question centered on inclusivity in the classroom to course evaluations.

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