



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GENDER AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION MINORITY INCLUSIVITY

WHEREAS, Associated Students Inc. is the recognized voice of over 22,000 California State University, Fresno students; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the ASI and the Commissioner of Social Justice includes advancing and promoting policies that ensure advocacy and outreach for underrepresented or historically marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, The CSU system “does not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation in its programs and activities, including admission and access. Federal and state laws, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, prohibit such discrimination”; and

WHEREAS, Protecting equal treatment and a safe learning environment for all students regardless of gender identity or sexual preference is imperative to maximizing the quality of educational experience Fresno State offers; and

WHEREAS, It is mandatory for potential students in the CSU Application for Undergraduate Admission for the 2013-2014 academic year to provide their sex, and sex, as defined by the World Health Organization “refers to the biological and physiological characteristics that define men and women”; and

WHEREAS, Sex as defined above is dichotomous and does not account for the experiences of varying genders, and gender, as defined by Health Canada, “refers to the array of socially constructed roles and relationships, personality traits, attitudes, behaviors, values, relative power and influence that society ascribes to the two sexes on a differential basis”; and

WHEREAS, Students whose gender does not necessarily coincide with expectations of their sex face bullying, violence, and discrimination from other students, faculty, and staff because their identities are not acknowledged; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That ASI and the Commissioner of Social Justice acknowledge and support Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming, and sexual minority students of the CSU system, and because of that support urges the CSU Board of Trustees to add a “Gender” section with a blank wherever “Sex” is requested; and

RESOLVED That ASI and the Commissioner of Social Justice call on CSU students, faculty, and staff to educate themselves and others on the importance of acknowledging the importance of gender and sexual orientation inclusion throughout their campus communities and; and

