

Resolution #: 02

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Purpose: To reaffirm the university's status as an ally and continuance of support to the LGBTQ+ community on campus

IN THE SENATE OF CSUCI STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Senator Guajardo and Senator Tolteca (for themselves) introduces the following legislation

Resolution

Whereas, the mission of California State University Channel Islands (CI) Student Government (SG) is to place the students at the center of our educational experience by leading with integrity and selflessly serving the students and the University on a local, state, and national level; and CI SG serves as the official representative voice of CI students; and

Whereas, CI SG is an entity of Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) of California State University Channel Islands; and

Whereas, Student Government strives to facilitate and promote community by providing a safe and comfortable campus environment; and

Whereas, CI's student population is composed of students with gender and sex diversities, including but not limited to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, asexual, pansexual, and intersex students; and

Whereas, discriminatory laws and policies continue to exist and emerge across the country, such as HB 1557, limiting LGBTQ+ people's civil mobility and protections from discrimination; and

Whereas, these policies and actions can affect student mental health and identity expression, affecting not only their academic performance but their overall well-being as well; and

Whereas, Campus support and resources for LGBTQ+ students are already offered, promoted, and should continue to expand its efforts in outreach and aid; and

Whereas, Student Government has shown support and allyship to the LGBTQ+ community prior via the promotion of resources and legislations created, such as the Resolution in support for Marriage Equality (2013); and

Whereas, Student Government acknowledges and supports that the university's Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Faculty and Staff Association (LGBTQ+ FSA) is reinstated, and that it works to close the communication gaps between faculty, staff, and students; and

Whereas, Renovations from the Division of Student Affairs have begun to create and update facilities such as gender inclusive restrooms in order to accommodate the diverse students, faculty, and staff at our campus; therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CSUCI affirms its opposition to discrimination against LGBTQ+ people and CI Student Government will take on leadership of opposing said behaviors on our campus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CSUCI holds an annual town hall for the LGBTQ+ community on campus to promote allyship, highlight and share resources available on campus and allow for the community to express concerns, questions, and suggestions in discussion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there are physical safe spaces on campus and that these are not just open spaces but also closed because not all students are fully out and comfortable with expressing their identities publicly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That Safe on Campus training be promoted to not only faculty and staff but Student Assistants and Resident Assistants (RA's); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Be Safe on Campus posters are updated around campus to assure these locations are safe for LGBTQ+ students on campus and given expiration dates to assure these trainings are continued and updated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CAPS continues to have support groups for the community and an additional counselor who is an ally or identifies as part of the LGBTQ+ community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Student Government shall continue to facilitate, promote, and advocate for a safe and comfortable environment for the student body and rest of the campus community.