Resolution Supporting the Queer Student Union's Call For Support and Action

Whereas, the Student Government Association acknowledges that a memo from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services seeks to define gender based only upon one's biological sex documented at birth,

Whereas, the Student Government Association recognizes this memo is detrimental to the livelihoods of students, and by attempting to strip members of the LGBTQIA+ community of essential civil rights protections and eligibility for federal programs, does not promote nor provide for the equitable environment that the University of Vermont must offer,

Whereas, the Student Government Association stands in solidarity with students who identify as transgender, nonbinary, intersex, as well as other members of the Queer community who may be impacted by this memo,
Whereas, the Queer Student Union organized a walkout on the 29th of October in response to this memo, and there, students spoke to the University of Vermont community and presented six expectations within a Call For Support and Action¹,

Whereas, the Student Government Association pledges to respond to the Call for Support and Action and hold ourselves to a higher standard of promoting gender equity,

Let it be known, the Student Government Association will work with the President’s Commission on Inclusive Excellence to generate more frequent public reports regarding the Gender Inclusion Restroom Task Force. This shall include, but not be limited to, the creation of at least two Gender Inclusive restrooms in each Residential Hall,

Let it be known, the Student Government Association will expedite its work regarding the provision of menstrual items in every restroom on the University of Vermont’s campus,

Let it be known, the Student Government Association supports the call to action that Residential Life must provide Gender Inclusive housing in all of its Residential Communities, and will continue to push the Administration as well as Residential Life to ensure that all on-campus housing is Gender Inclusive,

Let it be known, the Student Government Association will ensure that the Student Representative that sits on the UVM Student Faculty Senate’s Diversity Curriculum Review Committee will be obligated to meet with all identity-based clubs and student organizations on campus. This shall be amended into the Student Government Association Constitution regarding the role of the Student Representative,

Let it be known, the Student Government Association also believes that residential dining facilities are an intimate space for many students, and that all students have a right to feel comfortable in them,

Let it be known, the Student Government Association believes that all University faculty, staff, and affiliates, including dining staff, must go through diversity and inclusion trainings,

Let it be known, the Student Government Association supports the call to action for the Office of Institutional Research to release the Campus Climate Survey as soon as it is available in its final form,

¹ https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qUzszK5UDKTziZG1qtRPZq1s1NhybFd87NC24zFiRM4/mobilebasic
Let it be known, the Student Government Association encourages the Director of the Office of Institutional Research to meet with all identity-based clubs and student organizations on campus,

Let it be known, the Student Government Association supports the call to action for the administration to revise the availability and use\(^2\) of legal names in order to best accommodate the needs of all students,

Be It Resolved, the Student Government Association supports the Call For Support and Action proposed by the Queer Student Union,

Be It Further Resolved, the Student Government Association supports the promotion of an equitable environment for all of its students, regardless of the identities they may hold.

\(^2\) The Student Government Association recognizes that legal names must be used in regards to legal documentation, such as financial documentation.