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Memorandum

June 23, 2021

To: Dr. Vincent E. Morton, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students
From: Kathryn A. Weiser, Assistant Dean of Students *KaW*
Subject: Student Government Senate Resolution Legislation 2020-2021.36

Legislation S.R.2020-2021.36 “The Advancement of Personal Pronouns” passed by the Student Government Senate on February 22nd, 2021, is attached. I support this legislation for the university to review its practices in order to make change where applicable to use more inclusive words.

Cc: Dr. Angelica Coronado, Attorney for Students & Director
Student Government Co-Advisor

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Memorandum

May 29, 2021

To: Dr. Vincent E. Morton, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students
Kathryn A. Weiser, Assistant Dean of Students

From: Andrew Gryce, Student Body President

Subject: Student Government Passed Legislation: Senate Resolution 2020-2021.36

Please find attached the below legislation S.R.2020-2021.36 passed by the Student Senate on February 22nd, 2021.

Legislation Passed: S.R.2020-2021.36 Senate Resolution The Advancement of Personal Pronouns

Number of Vote: 28 voted in favor, 0 voted in opposition, 0 voted to abstain

I approve this legislation passed by the Student Government Senate which calls on the university to affirm the 1st amendment right to free speech by not interfering in the use of preferred names and pronouns by its students.

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Senate Leader Lorenz, Quintin

SPONSORS

Senator Smith, Matthew
Senator Shi, Tiger
Senator Settegast, Camile
Senator Bailey, Brett

Date of First Reading: February 1st, 2021

S.R.2020-2021.36

A Resolution

To be known as "The Advancement of Personal Pronouns Resolution," which calls on the university to affirm the 1st amendment right to free speech by not interfering in the use of preferred names and pronouns by its students.

WHEREAS: In its mission statement, "[Texas State University] strives to create new knowledge, to embrace a diversity of people and ideas, to foster cultural and economic development, and to prepare its graduates to participate fully and freely as citizens of Texas, the nation, and the world."; and

WHEREAS: The University Strategic Plan confirms that "A diversity of people and ideas, a spirit of inclusiveness, a global perspective, and a sense of community as essential conditions for campus life" as one of the Universities Shared Values; and

WHEREAS: Student Government recognizes that Texas State Students have the right to free speech; and

WHEREAS: Transgender, gender non-conforming, and students who do not adhere to the gender binary have the right to refer to themselves however they please as it is their First Amendment right; and

WHEREAS: The current practice, requiring the use of legal names in many University Systems, violates the First Amendment right of

23 members of the transgender and gender nonconforming community to
24 use their preferred name and pronoun; therefore,

25 **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Student Government of Texas State
26 University shares the transgender communities' concern regarding
27 their First Amendment right to use preferred names and pronouns;
28 and

29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Student Government of Texas
30 State University strongly encourages the university
31 administration, Registrar, and staff to review existing practices
32 and systems of record (Catsweb, Outlook, Canvas, Banner, etc.) to
33 ensure all campus community members are provided the First
34 Amendment right to identify their preferred name and pronoun; and

35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** The University adopt a University Policy
36 and Procedure Statement affirming students First Amendment right
37 to preferred naming and pronoun at the University; and

38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** This legislation be forwarded to the
39 Student Body President for further action.

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