

DEPAUW STUDENT GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTION

A Resolution concerning family friendly, single-stalled, gender neutral bathrooms at DePauw University.

WHEREAS, DePauw University is strongly committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and accessible environment for all students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors, and;

WHEREAS, the DePauw University's anti-harassment and non-discrimination policies include gender identity and gender expression, and;

WHEREAS, the Diversity and Equity Committee has supported the increase of gender-neutral bathrooms since 2005, and;

WHEREAS, parents and guardians of small children need access to gender neutral restrooms, especially at sporting events, and;

WHEREAS, people – including those with physical disabilities – may need the assistance of differently-gendered attendants also need access to gender neutral bathrooms;

WHEREAS, gender specific bathrooms may be unwelcoming and/or unsafe for people whose gender identity or expression is outside traditional gender norms, including trans identified individuals, especially those in the process of transitioning, and;

WHEREAS, students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors of all gender identities and expressions deserve safe bathrooms, and;

WHEREAS, current and future campus plans call for future renovations and construction of new buildings at DePauw;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

that the DePauw Student Government advocates for the inclusion in DePauw University design standards and, in all newly constructed and renovated DePauw managed buildings, the construction of family friendly, single-stalled, gender-neutral bathrooms that include baby changing facilities, and that are accessible to people with disabilities in highly trafficked areas on campus, especially the Lilly Recreation Center, Roy O. West Library, and the Student Union Building, and;

RESOLVED: that the DePauw Student Government advocates for the inventorying and publicizing of all current single-stall bathrooms on DePauw's campus, residence halls, and academic buildings on the university website to the admissions office, and Community Life and Community Development, and;

RESOLVED: that the DePauw Student Government advocates for the changing of existing single-stall bathrooms from sex-specific to gender neutral facilities, and;

RESOLVED: that the DePauw Student Government advocates for the inclusion of the needs of families and people with disabilities in all new and current bathroom facilities, and;

FINALLY RESOLVED:

that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the President of the University, Associate Vice President of Facilities Management, Athletic Director, Vice President of Finance and Administration, Director of Campus Living and Community Development, Coordinator of LGBT Services, Vice President of Student Life, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dean of Campus Life, Director of Libraries, Chair of the Student Life and Academic Atmosphere Committee (SLAAC), and the Chair of the Diversity and Equity Committee for prompt implementation.

Introduced by Nicholas Flores, DePauw Student Government Executive Vice President

Passed out of the Senate and Representative Chambers by a vote of thirty-eight (38) yays, one (1) nay, and eight (8) abstentions.