



Gonzaga Student Body Association

Resolution: SRF101801

Sponsor: Kevin Snow, Freshman Senator

Cosponsor(s): Ines Marti, International Senator, Phoebe Tang, Freshman Senator

Title: Joint Resolution in Support of LGBTQ+ Students

Purpose: To show both branches of GSBA's support for LGBTQ+ students on campus.

Text:

Section 1: Whereas, in keeping with this year's GSBA administration's central pillar of inclusion, in partnership with this year's GSBA Vice President and the University's mission statement in all aspects, but specifically the portion pertaining to social justice, GSBA as a whole seeks to affirm their support for students of all backgrounds and identities.

Section 2: Whereas, the 2017 Gonzaga Campus Climate Survey shows that there are clear signs of societal discrimination and marginalization of LGBTQ+ students in the Gonzaga community, of which GSBA would like to call attention to.¹

Section 3: Whereas, in relation to the previously mentioned 2017 Gonzaga Campus Climate Report, instances of discrimination and marginalization are also present among Gonzaga faculty, staff, and graduate students and GSBA would like to extend their support to all members of the LGBTQ+ community in the Gonzaga community.

Section 4: Whereas, in keeping with the themes of the Interfaith Vigil of Peace that occurred on October 11th, 2018, GSBA looks to foster an environment of inclusivity and intercultural fluency through our work as a student body organization and our partnership with the University.

Section 5: Whereas, there have been undeniable exhibitions of discrimination and bias in our community, as seen through the recent number of BIAS Incident Reports filed in relation to sexuality and gender expression; GSBA condemns these instances and hopes to support and welcome all those subjected to these occurrences.

Section 6: Whereas, this month, October, being LGBTQ+ history month, GSBA would like to implore all members of our community to increase personal awareness of LGBTQ+ history and culture as well as ways to better support those members of the LGBTQ+ community in Gonzaga's community and beyond.

¹ For a more comprehensive summary of these statistics see the associated document that details what is shown by the survey.



President



Speaker of Senate