



**A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO EDIT ALL CSU AND CSU-AFFILIATED APPLICATIONS
IN ORDER TO BE GENDER INCLUSIVE**

- WHEREAS,** The Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) Board of Directors of California State University San Marcos is the official representative body of the more than 10,000 students at CSUSM; and
- WHEREAS,** The mission of ASI is to “serve, empower, and engage” all students and continues to do so through our entities such as the Gender Equity Center and LGBTQA Pride Center; and
- WHEREAS,** The CSU system “does not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation in its programs and activities, including admission and access. Federal and state laws, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, prohibit such discrimination”; and
- WHEREAS,** It is mandatory for potential students in the CSU Application for Undergraduate Admission for the 2013-2014 academic year to provide their sexⁱ, and sex, as defined by the World Health Organization “refers to the biological and physiological characteristics that define men and women”ⁱⁱ; and
- WHEREAS,** Sex as defined above is dichotomous and does not account for the experiences of varying genders, and gender, as defined by Health Canada, the body charged with national public health in Canada, “refers to the array of socially constructed roles and relationships, personality traits, attitudes, behaviors, values, relative power and influence that society ascribes to the two sexes on a differential basis”ⁱⁱⁱ; and
- WHEREAS,** Students whose gender does not necessarily coincide with expectations of their sex face bullying, violence, and discrimination from other students, faculty, and staff because their identities are not acknowledged; and
- WHEREAS,** The CSU prides itself in being a “leader in high-quality, accessible, student-focused higher education” and is “the largest [and] the most diverse” university system in the country^{iv}; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the ASI Board of Directors of CSUSM acknowledges and supports transgender and gender subversive students of the CSU system, and urges the CSU Board of Trustees edit the “Sex” section by providing an “Other” option next to the box already provided on the current application and a “Gender Identity” section with a blank wherever “Sex” is required; and be it further

- RESOLVED,** That applications affiliated with the CSUSM, i.e. housing applications or applications to participate in on- and off-campus events, reflect the change to the “Sex” section and the addition of the “Gender Identity” section; and
- RESOLVED** That the ASI Board of Directors calls on CSUSM students, faculty, and staff to educate themselves and others on the importance of acknowledging the importance of gender inclusion throughout their campus communities; and be it finally
- RESOLVED** That copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to, the CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White, CSUSM President Karen Haynes, the Academic Senate of CSUSM, the Cougar Chronicle, the North County Times, and all related media outlets.

Sources:

ⁱ California State University Undergraduate Application for Admission: Summer & Fall 2013, Winter & Spring 2014

ⁱⁱ <http://www.who.int/gender/whatisgender/en/>

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://www.genderandhealth.ca/en/modules/introduction/introduction-genderasadeterminantofhealth-Shayna-03.jsp>

^{iv} <http://www.calstate.edu/>