

A Resolution in Support of the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning Student Life at the California State University, East Bay

The Associated Students, Inc.
California State University, East Bay
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- WHEREAS, The Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of the California State University, East Bay (CSU East Bay) is the official voice of the students of this campus; and
- WHEREAS, The role of ASI at CSU East Bay is to facilitate participation across a spectrum of fields relating to the promotion of student life on this campus and a multicultural college experience is promoted by the existence of the ASI Diversity Center; and
- WHEREAS, Student-led organizations such the Queer Straight Alliance (QSA) and the Queer People Of Color (QPOC) and others exist on this campus and actively organize to address issues affecting Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning (L.G.B.T.Q.) students; and
- WHEREAS, Recent increases in instances of cyber bullying, taunting, and name calling have left the LGBTQ student community feeling threatened, alienated, and without support; and
- WHEREAS, LGBTQ students at CSU East Bay feel alienated because of the perceived lack of services and resources offered that cater to their needs; and
- WHEREAS, This resolution is in response to the increased number of tragic suicides among LGBTQ youth of student age. Students who fall into this demographic are up to four times more likely to attempt suicide



than their heterosexual peers¹; let it be

RESOLVED, ASI and its constituents, the students of the California State University, East Bay, recognize and support LGBTQ students; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI and its constituents promote intellectual dialogue that furthers the growth, comfort, and the demystification of LGBTQ students to increase mutual understanding thereby decreasing instances including but not limited to taunting, bullying, and the like of LGBTQ students that potentially lead to increased suicide rates; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI and its constituents discourage the use of words and phrases including but not limited to derogatory terms and common place descriptors such the word “gay” used to negatively compare features and/or characteristics that enforce negative connotations pertaining to a person’s sexual orientation; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI and its constituents will actively promote LGBTQ Safe Zone training for all facets of this University including but not limited to all colleges, their departments, university student services, campus housing, student clubs and organizations and ASI itself to participate in educational presentations and workshops which will expand the location of safe zones around campus; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI’s Diversity Center shall be the quintessential Safe Zone for LGBTQ students on campus and shall take proactive steps to provide services including but not limited to peer mentors to guide LGBTQ students with their transition into college life, awareness programs, and resources for Safe Zone training workshops; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI and its constituents are strongly in support of Pioneer Heights’s move to provide gender neutral student housing for on-campus residents. ASI will actively seek to form a long lasting partnership with

¹ Figure quoted from the Massachusetts Youth Risk Survey 2007, found in <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/suicide-resources/suicidal-signs>, accessed February 2nd, 2011.



campus housing to preserve and expand availability of gender neutral housing and Safe Zones for LGBTQ students; let it be further

RESOLVED, Per to the example set by the newly opened ASI Recreation and Wellness (RAW) Center, ASI will require gender neutral restrooms in the renovation of its Original University Union facility to insure that LGBTQ students are free of the stigma associated with their perceived gender. If gender neutral specific facilities are not feasible, alternative solutions including but not limited to facility reassignment ought to occur; and be it finally

RESOLVED, The long term goal of this document is to create a friendly atmosphere that unifies all facets of student life to compel the Student Body and Campus Presidents to officially recognize CSU East Bay as a "Safe Zone Campus" altogether.

RESOLVED, Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to relevant entities including but not limited to the of Office of CSU East Bay President Qayoumi, the CSU East Bay Academic Senate, the Office of CSU Chancellor Reed, campus colleges and academic departments, campus and regional media outlets, the United States Student Association, the California State Student Association, the University of California Student Association, and the Student Senate for California Community Colleges.²³

References

² CSSAA: "A Resolution in Support of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgendered Queer (LGBTQ) Students of the California State University."

<http://www.csustudents.org/publicresources/resolutions/documents/Master%20Copy%20of%20Resolutions-09.09.10/2006-2010/2010.11.07.18-Resolution-in-Support-of-the-LGBTQ-Students-of-the-CSU.pdf>

³ CSU East Bay ASI: "A Resolution in Support of AB 540 Students and the Conditions that Promote their Access to a Quality Public Higher Education."

<http://asicsueb.com/Documents/resolutions/A%20Resolution%20in%20Support%20of%20AB540%20Students%20Dec%202010.pdf>

