



Senate 2017-2018

**March 4, 2018**

Resolution: SRS031831

Sponsor/s: Madison Schultz, Sophomore Senator; JamesDaniel Valle, Junior Senator; Tess Allen; Sophomore Senator, August Corpetts, First Year Senator; Nhan Ta International Senator.

Co-Sponsor/s: Olivia Asato, College of Arts and Sciences Senator

Title: GSBA Resolution of Solidarity and Support for Gender Neutrality and Inclusivity Through Restroom Signage on Gonzaga's Campus

Purpose: To issue an official statement of solidarity with students of all gender identities on campus and to propose a simplistic change that fosters a more inclusive and accepting community.

Text:

Section 1: Whereas, solidarity and community among all members of the Gonzaga Student Body are principal themes in the University's mission statement, which states, "*The Gonzaga experience fosters a mature commitment **to dignity of the human person**, social justice, diversity, intercultural competence, global engagement, solidarity with the poor and vulnerable....*"

Section 2: Whereas, the Gonzaga Mission Statement defines the culture, outlook, and aspirations of Gonzaga. Moreover, the Gonzaga webpage, Mission Values of Gonzaga University, defines whom the responsibility for achieving the mission falls upon, "*The*

*responsibility for achieving the mission is not restricted to Jesuits or to those engaged in Ministry; **it is the responsibility of the University leadership and all who work and study at Gonzaga.***”

Section 3: Whereas, the principal element of the Gonzaga Student Body Association is to acknowledge the voices of the student body, which is described in the GSBA Mission Statement as “a promise to support and advocate for our fellow students.”

Section 4: Whereas, other Catholic and Jesuit Universities, such as Creighton, Fairfield, Fordham, Georgetown, Marquette, Santa Clara, Boston College, and the University of San Francisco, now have gender-neutral restroom signage.

Section 5: Whereas, GSBA traditionally strives in advocating for and fostering an inclusive community that supports and validates individuals of all identities. In recognizing the spectrum of gender identity that exists among the Gonzaga student body, GSBA is, therefore, standing in solidarity with, the vulnerable and minority populations on campus.

Section 6: Therefore, in light of a GSBA-run survey proposal for gender-neutral bathroom signage, 77.4% of student participants expressed support while only 9.0% of student participants expressed unsupportive sentiments, it is the responsibility of GSBA to represent their respective constituents in advocating for this gender neutral transition.

Section 7: Therefore, GSBA supports the initiatives established by the University to support and foster an inclusive community for students of all gender identities at Gonzaga University.

Section 8: Therefore, GSBA recommends that all single person restrooms on campus have gender-neutral signage and recognizes this change as a key step in creating an inclusive community for all Gonzaga Students.

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President

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Speaker of the Senate

## Gender Neutral Bathroom Resolution

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