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A Resolution in Support of Gender Marker Change Standardization and Dissemination

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) represents the voice of North Dakota's 45,000 public college and university students; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of NDSA is to represent all students enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) and advocate on issues of higher education in support of access, affordability, quality, and the student experience; and,

WHEREAS, the NDSA Diversity Task Force has been researching the processes related to students' gender identity and their ability to have their gender marker changed in the Campus Connection system; and,

WHEREAS, the task force has reached out to the campuses in the NDUS and have found a disparity between how these changes are handled, and the responses have been different between each institution from one campus not having a procedure in place, another campus only requiring a written statement, and lastly one campus requiring a court order; and,

WHEREAS, the disparity of requirements and lack of readily available information between institutions creates an inequality for those individuals that are going through the process of changing their documents from one gender to another and makes it another difficult step in an already difficult and arduous process; and,

WHEREAS, standardization of the process combined with better dissemination of the information on how to accomplish it, much like the preferred name process, would contribute to promoting equality and allowing those transitioning students, or even faculty and staff, to find the information that they need in an efficient manner to change their documents; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NDSA urges the North Dakota University System to standardize the process of changing one's gender in Campus Connection and to make the information readily accessible to all students, faculty, and staff.