F2019 - R2 - Gender Inclusive Language Syllabi Resolution

WHEREAS, the Texas state legislature does not have a gender inclusive language requirement for syllabi.

WHEREAS, 19.2% of students skipped the gender identity question on the 2018 Campus Inclusion Climate Survey and .05% identified as non-binary, gender-nonconforming, genderqueer, or agender.

WHEREAS, “as of 2019, most style guides—including the Associated Press, the Chicago Manual of Style, the MLA style manual, and the APA style manual—accept the usage of the singular “they”. Whether they approve of it as an indefinite singular pronoun, a specific person’s preferred pronoun, or both, all of these manuals concede that the singular they has a place in our modern world.”

WHEREAS, the University of North Texas’ Policy Statement on Diversity states that they are “committed to maintaining an open, welcoming atmosphere that attracts qualified students...from all groups to support their success”.

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, gendered language be removed from all UNT syllabi; all references to individuals be gender inclusive; and exclude binary pronouns including he/she, him/her, his/hers.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution be sent to Faculty Senate, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Deans of all Academic Colleges, and Vice President of Equity & Diversity.

Respectfully Submitted,
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In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.

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**Speaker of the Senate**

**Presidential Action:**

- [x] Approved

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**President of the Student Government Association**

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**Vice President of Student Affairs**

Reference: