Changing the "LGBTQ Student Representative" Title  
ASUSF Resolution 16-17-03

Whereas: The initialism “LGBTQ” stands for “Lesbian,” “Gay,” “Bisexual,” “Transgender,” and “Queer” or “Questioning,” which does not account for the myriad identities of students at the University of San Francisco - such as the communities of students who are Asexual, Demisexual, Pansexual, Intersex, Gender Non-Binary, Genderfluid/Genderqueer, Two-Spirit, Ambisexual, Third Gender, Agender, Polyfidelitous, and/or celibate; and

Whereas: Currently, there exists a Senator position titled “LGBTQ Student Representative” on ASUSF Senate; and

Whereas: Students with identities outside of the “LGBTQ” initialism are not, strictly speaking, being recognized as constituents of the “LGBTQ Student Representative” and, thus, are not being represented by Senate; and

Whereas: The initialism “LGBTQ” is neither universal nor particularly widely known at an international level, leaving the position of “LGBTQ Student Representative” to be ambiguous to much of the regionally diverse student population at USF; and

Whereas: One of the Core Values of USF is “the full, integral development of each person and all persons, with the belief that no individual or group may rightfully prosper at the expense of others”, and the “LGBTQ” initialism creates an elitist standard of colloquial knowledge that places many students at an unfair disadvantage in understanding the purpose of the role of the “LGBTQ Student Representative” position on Senate; and

Whereas: The term “Gender and Sexual Minority” is self-explanatory in nature and broad without being nondescript, and is slowly rising in popularity in academic settings - including within the Gender and Sexuality Center at USF; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Associated Students of the University of San Francisco Senate, representing all undergraduate students of the University: That the name of the “LGBTQ Student Representative” position on ASUSF Senate be changed to “Gender and Sexual Minoritized Student Representative” effective immediately; furthermore, be it

Resolved: That this change be reflected in all titular materials used in the 2016-17 Academic Year, including but not limited to: all Senate brochures that mention positions by name, election materials to be used in the 2017-18 ASUSF Election, and name tags at Senate functions.

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