



Resolution in support of expanding gender-inclusive housing options at The University of Wisconsin - Green Bay

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Whereas, Providing options for people to live on campus in safe and inclusive environments is important for the health and safety of residential students of all backgrounds;

Whereas, Some students are unable to take part in Safe and Inclusive Living (SAIL) despite wanting to take part in gender-inclusive housing for various reasons such as parents that don't know their child's sexual orientation or gender identity;

Whereas, The University of Wisconsin - Green Bay is "committed to developing a robust campus community that is inclusive through the creation of a welcoming and equitable environment;"¹

Whereas, According to the California Polytechnic State University, gender-inclusive housing "is an option in which two or more students share a room or apartment regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, identity, or expression;"²

Whereas, According to the University of Minnesota - Morris, "gender-inclusive housing aims to be an option for students who would feel more comfortable with someone outside of their designated sex and/or someone with a similar gender identity;"³

Whereas, According to Campus Pride, "at least 425 colleges and universities have gender-inclusive living;"⁴

Whereas, The Universities mission and vision is "to be a university that fearlessly meets challenges, solves problems, embraces diversity, cares about our region and provides access to education for all who want it; Through these actions, we honor the innovative spirit of the founders of the University and move ourselves forward;"⁵

Whereas, During a conversation with Senator Ward during an RHAA meeting, Adam Neveau, Associate Director for Housing and Residential Education, indicated support for gender-inclusive housing;

¹ [Message from the Vice Chancellor - University Inclusivity & Student Affairs - UW-Green Bay](#)

² [Gender-Inclusive Housing - University Housing - Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo](#)

³ [Gender Inclusive Housing | Student Life](#)

⁴ [Colleges and Universities that Provide Gender-Inclusive Housing - Campus Pride](#)

⁵ [UWGB | University Mission](#)



Whereas, a common concern regarding gender-inclusive housing is the possibility of romantic couples living together that might later break up;

Whereas, same-sex couples are not prohibited from living together in campus housing;

Whereas, coupled students may live together off-campus, and providing the opportunity to live together on campus could help to retain more students in housing;

Whereas, coupled students may learn life skills from living together in a manner consistent with the ideal of residential education at UWGB;

Whereas, all conflicts and issues are resolved using the roommate agreement contract and housing policies as within any other area of housing;

Therefore, be it resolved, that University of Wisconsin - Green Bay offer gender-inclusive housing on campus;

Therefore, be it further resolved, that the Safe and Inclusive Living (SAIL) community remain a part of gender-inclusive housing, but that gender-inclusive housing be further developed outside of the SAIL community in a manner that minimally interferes with any current operations;

Therefore, be it finally resolved, that upon passage of this resolution, it be provided to all concerned university officials and any active RHAA body for their consideration.

Vice President

Speaker of the Senate

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