CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 14-15-24

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RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE INSTITUTION OF MORE EQUITABLE IDENTIFICATION CARD AND CLASS REGISTRATION PRACTICES

WHEREAS, The Indiana University Principles of Excellence exemplifies a commitment to “maintain friendly, collegial, and humane environments.”

WHEREAS, Indiana University prides itself on being an open, inclusive environment for people of all identities,

WHEREAS, Under current administrative code, the Office of Campus Card Services and the Office of the Registrar produce student identification cards and forms that solely list students’ legal names,

WHEREAS, Students who identify as transgender or as falling outside of the “traditional” gender binary are oftentimes uncomfortable using their legal name that may conflict with their gender identity,

WHEREAS, Students who are either transgender and/or fall outside of the gender binary are oftentimes forced to “come out” to students, staff, and faculty on a daily basis due to the name listed on official Indiana University identification cards/documents not matching their preferred name,

WHEREAS, Purdue University recently altered their policies to enable students to list their preferred name on their student identification cards and class registration forms,

WHEREAS, members of the Trans Advocacy Group at IU have made this an important issue that they support strongly,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Student Body Congress moves to support the implementation of more inclusive, equitable identification card and class registration policies,

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Body Congress recommends that this process be similar to the following: students will be able to request that their preferred name, in replacement of their legal name, be used on their student I.D. card. Students who already attend Indiana University will be able to have their student I.D. cards replaced with a card stating said student’s preferred name for the normal card replacement cost. The legal name of the student will still be printed, but in small, legible text on the back of the card, so that employees can discreetly check incase of system irregularities or failure in the format “L.N. Last Name, First Name.”

FURTHER RESOLVED that students will be required to change their preferred name via OneStart and the Office of the Registrar and the Campus Card Office must have received confirmation from the Registrar before issuing a new card. Students will have the choice to either to have a new photo taken or to retain their previous photo when they receive a new I.D.
FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Registrar shall allow students to list their preferred first name when registering through classes via OneStart. The student’s preferred first name shall appear on class rosters, professor’s official class listings, and other class documents or forms. The student’s 10-digit identification code shall be used as the identifier in official university matters where the professor may need to identify the student in question to official campus offices. This process shall not impose a fee onto any student.

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