



**Student Government Resolution 116.025**  
**A Resolution of Statistical Support for an LGBTQ+**  
**(Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer+) Resource Center**  
**Sponsored by Student Government Diversity Committee: Chair, Christy Crouse;**  
**Vice Chair, Cory Hogan; Christine Gooch, Paul Moe, and Luis Ortiz-Nuñez**

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interest of the Student Association in the formulation of University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- The Student Government passed “A Resolution in Support of an LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer+) Resource Center on Truman State University’s Campus” on December 6, 2015, which iterated support for the creation of an LGBTQ+ Resource Center at Truman State University and “fully endorsed the planning process for an LGBTQ+ Resource Center, with the hopes of implementation by Fall 2016”;<sup>1</sup> and
- The Student Government Diversity Committee conducted the LGBTQ+ Resource Center Survey in April 2016 and received 648 complete responses out of approximately 6,200 Truman Students; and
- Of the total respondents,
  - 62% (402 individuals) identified as heterosexual, 12% (77 individuals) identified as homosexual, 11% (75 individuals) identified as bisexual, with the remaining 15% (94 individuals) identifying with various other sexual orientations; and
  - 69% (454) did not identify as members of the LGBTQ+ community, while 31% (198) identified themselves as members of the LGBTQ+ community.
- Of those who did not identify as members of the LGBTQ+ community,
  - 74% stated they would support the creation of an LGBTQ+ resource center while 26% stated they would not; and
  - 45% did not know if Truman provided sufficient resources for the LGBTQ+ community, while 30% thought that Truman provides sufficient resources and 25% did not think enough resources are provided; and
  - 63% thought an LGBTQ+ resource center would improve diversity and inclusiveness on campus, while 20% said no and 17% did not know; and
- Of those who identified as members of the LGBTQ+ community,
  - 46% stated they were not satisfied with current resources on Truman’s campus, 32% stated they were neutral to this question, and 22% stated they were satisfied; and

<sup>1</sup>[https://docs.google.com/a/truman.edu/document/d/135SXXwDEC-Ztz2GwiP7KjSK9jja\\_WLuwX8d8NMGEFB0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/a/truman.edu/document/d/135SXXwDEC-Ztz2GwiP7KjSK9jja_WLuwX8d8NMGEFB0/edit?usp=sharing)

- 91% stated they would support the creation of a LGBTQ+ Resource Center, compared to 3% who stated they would not support the creation of the LGBTQ+ Resource Center; and
- 86%, amounting to 171 students, stated they could see themselves using the resource center, compared to the 13% who stated they would not use the resource center; and
- 95% concluded they could see the installment of an LGBTQ+ Resource Center increasing diversity and inclusion on Truman's campus while only 5% concluded they could not see the resource center increasing diversity and inclusion on Truman's Campus; and
- 93% stated they would feel comfortable with a professional staff member, 88% with trained supervised student staff workers, 76% with faculty/staff volunteers working the center, 73% with student volunteer workers, 51% with scholarship/work study workers, and 36% stated they would feel comfortable with community volunteers working the resource center; and
- The Student Association supports a professional staff member and/or trained supervised student staff workers to carry out the functions of the Resource Center; and
- Since the first resolution was passed, it has become understood that Student Government does not have the non-contingent membership longevity needed in order to fully plan each step in the creation of this resource center; and
- The Women's Resource Center and PRISM have urged having two separate centers is best, rather than combining the two; and
- A space on campus with high traffic and visibility is requested for placement of the Resource Center in order for it to be used as frequently as possible; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

- That the Student Senate supports the creation of an LGBTQ+ Resource Center by Fall 2016.
- Student Senate urges the Diversity Committee Chair to conduct a formal discussion with the Student Senate on the status of the creation of the LGBTQ+ Resource Center in Fall 2016.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY DIRECTS THAT,

- Additional copies of this resolution are distributed to the University President, Troy Paino; Truman State University Board of Governors; Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs, Susan Thomas; Vice President of Student Affairs, Lou Ann Gilchrist; Director of Public Relations, Heidi Templeton; Director of the Center for Student Involvement, Laura Bates; Professor of Psychology, Dr. Sherri Palmer; Professor of English, Cole Woodcox; Dean of Libraries and Museums, Richard Coughlin; Department of Special Collections, Beta Omega Beta Student Contact, Carly Giddings; PRISM President, Melissa Stockwell; Director of Women's Resource Center, Danielle Fritz; and Truman Media Network.

**Passed April 17, 2016  
By Unanimous Consent**

**Molly Ann Turner  
President of the Student Association**