

Student Government Resolution xxx
A Resolution Encouraging a Mass Email to Students Allowing for Preferred Names and Pronouns to be Privately Disclosed
Sponsored by Sarah Holtmeyer, Vice-President; Chantelle Wimms, Diversity Committee Chair; Bud Budzowski, Student

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- In 2015, President Troy Paino created the Committee to Develop a University Plan for Inclusive Excellence¹; and
- This committee worked through the Spring 2016 semester to research and develop strategic plans pertaining to the guiding principles of Diversity, Inclusion, and Excellence²; and
- After gathering data from a survey sent to students, the committee recognized that there were significant limitations, particularly across demographic groups, with one of the areas of least satisfaction being respondents who identified as “bisexual, gay, lesbian, or other; and as transgender and gender nonconforming”³; and
- In response to this data, the committee proposed a “transition to policy and procedure systems that allow students to more easily use preferred name and pronouns”⁴; and
- Throughout the Fall 2017 semester, the Preferred Names Committee created by President Sue Thomas discussed and researched a more permanent solution in hopes of providing students with the means of using their name and preferred pronoun in an official capacity across campus and on Truman’s online servers; and
- The strategies developed by the Preferred Names Committee will be discussed at Faculty Senate and Undergraduate Council meetings throughout the Spring 2018 semester; and
- The Committee has plans to implement these strategies by the Fall 2018 semester; and
- With one academic semester remaining until the transition to the full implementation of these strategies, students are seeking an interim measure for relaying their preferred names and pronouns for the Spring 2018 semester.

¹ “University Strategic Plan for Inclusive Excellence” (2016). pg. 3

² Ibid.

³ Ibid., 5-6

⁴ Ibid., 10

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Requests that the Registrar send out a mass email to students prior to the beginning of the Spring 2018 academic semester, offering students the option of emailing professors their preferred names and pronouns; and
- Encourages professors to respect students' preferred names and pronouns in the professional/academic setting; and
- Requests that faculty remain vigilant in not publicly disclosing private student information; and
- Recommends that professors and students continue to work toward the mutual goals of respect and understanding through this temporary proposition, and then through the more permanent solution that Truman is anticipated to adopt in the Fall of 2018.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to President Sue Thomas; Truman State University Board of Governors; Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Janet Gooch; Executive Secretary to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, DeeDee Moore; Vice President of Student Affairs, Lou Ann Gilchrist; The Office of the Registrar, with specific attention to Maggie Herron; the Preferred Names Committee; Faculty Senate; Undergraduate Council; Prism: Truman's Student Pride Alliance Organization; Beta Omega Beta; Office of Institutional Compliance, Jamie Ball; Truman Media Network; and the University Archives.