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Student Government Resolution 116.037

A Resolution in Support of Creating a Permanent International Flag Display by May 2017 Sponsored by President of the Student Association JJ Dorrell, Vice President of the Student Association Christy Crouse, and Diversity Committee Chair Cory Hogan

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
- Truman State University does not currently have a permanent International Flag Display in any public space on its campus; and
- Truman State University welcomes approximately 400-500 exchange students from around 50 different countries to its campus each year; and
- The 400-500 exchange students greatly enhance the diversity of the student association and add new ideas, different perspectives, and helpful insights to the campus community and its educational environment; and
- Former University President Troy Paino formed the Committee to Develop a University Strategic Plan for Inclusive Excellence in December 2015, co-chaired by Jamie Ball (Institutional Compliance) and John Gardner (Residence Life), with membership from administrators, faculty, staff, and students; and
- This Committee created the Strategic Plan for Inclusive Excellence¹ which was given by Interim University President Sue Thomas to the Inclusive Excellence Strategic Plan Implementation Committee to be put into place; and
- The Strategic Plan for Inclusive Excellence Strategy #3 for improving the campus environment is to “display the values of diversity and inclusiveness throughout campus in acknowledgement and support of all the communities of Truman”²; and
- ‘Tactic a’ under Strategy #3 is to “create a prominent permanent International Flag Display” on Truman State University’s campus³; and
- International students, the International Office, the Multicultural Affairs Center, and Student Senate had representation in the creation of this strategy and tactic, showing support from communities around campus for the creation of a prominent, permanent International Flag Display; and

¹ <http://www.truman.edu/strategic-plan-for-inclusive-excellence>

² <http://www.truman.edu/strategic-plan-for-inclusive-excellence>, page 6

³ <http://www.truman.edu/strategic-plan-for-inclusive-excellence>, page 7

- The Inclusive Excellence Strategic Plan Implementation Committee has expressed support for this project being implemented as soon as possible with the help of Student Senate and the Pickler Memorial Library staff; and
- The Student Senate passed a resolution in 2014 detailing the desire for a similar display⁴. Former President Paino was in support of this display, but after sending the project to the campus architect, concluded that a major outdoor flag display is too costly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Supports the purchase and implementation of a prominent, permanent International Flag Display on Truman State University's campus by May 2017; and
- Urges campus administrators, faculty, staff, and the Inclusive Excellence Strategic Plan Implementation Committee to be open to this project and active in their work to bring it to fruition during the Spring 2017 semester.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

- Additional copies of this resolution are disseminated to each current member of the Truman State University Board of Governors, Interim President Sue Thomas, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Richard Coughlin, Vice President of Student Affairs Lou Ann Gilchrist, Co-Chair of the Inclusive Excellence Strategic Plan Implementation Committee Jay Bulen, Co-Chair of the Inclusive Excellence Strategic Plan Implementation Committee Michael Bazemore, Institutional Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator Jamie Ball, Interim Associate Dean of Libraries for Research & Instruction Janet Romine, Director of the Center for International Students Melanee Crist, Director of the Center for International Education Patrick Lecaque, Assistant Director of the Center for International Students Bri Rhodes, Assistant Director of the Center for International Education Abroad, Study Abroad Advisor Rosa Virginia Mendez, International Admissions Coordinator Michael Cummings, International Admissions Coordinator Alexa Price, Assistant Dean of Multicultural Affairs Carol Bennett, the Truman Media Network, and the Department of Special Collections.

Approved by: Unanimous Consent 12/4/16



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⁴ <http://senate.truman.edu/files/2015/08/115.008-1.pdf>