Senate Bill No.: 2012-13-10

Date: March 29, 2013

Author: Senator Talar Alexanian, Upper Division I

Referred To: Committee of the Whole

Action Taken: Senate approved on 04-05-13 (votes: 15-0-0)

Subject: Resolution to Allow Students to Enter a Preferred Name on all CSUN Affiliated Applications and Coursework

1. WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. is the official voice of over 36,000 students of California State University, Northridge (CSUN); and

2. WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. is the primary advocate for students at California State University, Northridge and provides excellent, meaningful programs and services designed to create and enhance a spirited, learning focused campus environment; and

3. WHEREAS: CSUN “does not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation in its programs and activities, including admission and access. Federal and state laws, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, prohibit such discrimination” (1); and

4. WHEREAS: Transgender, gender subversive, or gender variant students are subject to discrimination, judgment, or prejudice when the gender or sex connoted by their legal name do not match the gender presentation they embody in various University settings, namely classrooms when roll is taken and interacting with faculty and staff to access the resources necessary for their success as a CSUN student; and

5. WHEREAS: CSUN has shown an interest in becoming a more gender inclusive educational institution through its creation of the Pride Center and its willingness to take on issues that face students whose gender does not necessarily coincide with expectations of their sex; and

6. WHEREAS: CSUN prides itself in “behaving as an inclusive, cooperative community(2), therefore be it

---

1. RESOLVED: That the Associated Students, Inc. at CSUN acknowledges that students whose legal names may not be their preferred names are likely to have triggering experiences while going about their business as an applicant or student; and be it further resolved

2. RESOLVED: That the Associated Students, Inc. at CSUN calls on the CSU Board of Trustees and the CSUN Campus President to place a “Preferred Name” section wherever an applicants’ or students’ “Legal Name” is required in order to be as inclusive to all students as possible; and be it further

3. RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution will be distributed widely, including, but not limited to the following:

- Dianne Harrison, CSUN President
- Harold Hellenbrand, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
- Thomas McCarron, Vice President of Administration & Finance and Chief Fiscal Officer
- William Watkins, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Susan Hua, Interim Director and Title IX Coordinator, Office of Equity and Diversity
- Steven Stepanek, President, Faculty Senate
- Debra Hammond, Executive Director, University Student Union
- Sarina Loeb, Coordinator, Pride Center and LGBTQ Initiatives
- CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White
- CSU Board of Trustees
- California State Student Association
- CSUN Today
- Daily Sundial

Sydni Powell  
President, 2012-2013

Christopher Woolett  
Vice President, 2012-2013