



GPSO

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Graduate and Professional  
Student Organization

### EQUITABLE IDENTIFICATION CARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, all students arriving at Indiana University use student identification cards and register for classes;

WHEREAS, students who identify as transgender and/or with another gender-variance from the gender binary oftentimes do not identify with their legal name;

WHEREAS, the term "legal name" is used to describe the name given to a person at birth that is recorded on their birth certificate and the term "preferred name" is used to describe the name a person chooses to identify with;

WHEREAS, under current university code, individuals must have only their legal name on their student identification card;

WHEREAS, Indiana University prides itself on being an open and accepting institution for persons of all identities;

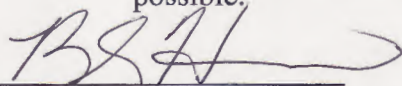
WHEREAS, for transgender students and/or students with "nontraditional" gender identities, this code is oftentimes perceived as discriminatory and can result in anxiety or discomfort;

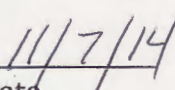
WHEREAS, being forced to "come out" to staff and other students increases the risk of violence, discrimination, or harassment on a daily basis, as well as violates a person's privacy; and

WHEREAS, staff members of Indiana University are currently working on this issue and support from the GPSO would be beneficial and encouraging to their efforts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Graduate and Professional Student Organization that –

- (1) Preferred names will stand as the default on identification card and class registration processes;
- (2) Legal names be used only in circumstances of emergency or system irregularity/failure;
- (3) Class rosters and new identification cards reflect these changes as soon as possible.

  
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GPSO President

  
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