Resolution

Opposing social Stigmatization of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Queer/Questioning community

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Whereas: As a Christian and Catholic institution, Marquette University owes a commitment to the “proposition that all human beings possess an inherent dignity in the eyes of their Creator and equality as children of God”; and,1

Whereas: It is Marquette University Student Government’s mission to identify, understand, actively address and represent students’ needs, concerns, and interests; and,

Whereas: Marquette University’s current statement of Human dignity and diversity states that it “recognizes and cherishes the dignity of each individual regardless of age, culture, faith, ethnicity, race, gender, sexual orientation, language, disability or social class”2; and,

Whereas: On Marquette’s campus LGBTQ issues in the past have been overlooked; and,

Whereas: LGBTQ individuals have been subjected to intentional and unintentional prejudicial attacks; and,

Whereas: Some of these attacks take the form of derogatory jokes; and,

Whereas: The Seattle University Empower Network is a website that organizes LGBTQ resources from Jesuit colleges and universities in an interactive online forum; and,3

Whereas: Marquette is not listed as a resource of the Seattle University Empower Network; and,

Whereas: Inadequate information on LGBTQ issues has promoted the prejudice; and,

Therefore: Let it be resolved that MUSG opposes the social stigmatization, prejudice and discrimination of the LGBTQ community on Marquette University’s campus.

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1http://www.marquette.edu/provost/faculty/handbook/mission_statement.shtml

2http://www.marquette.edu/about/diversity.shtml