WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (UWM) proudly presents itself as one of the top 50 LGBT+ universities in the United States.¹

WHEREAS, UWM is only one of two institutions in the State of Wisconsin to receive this accreditation.

WHEREAS, UWM should value, respect and honor the identity of its student body.

WHEREAS, a name-in-use (preferred name) system allows students to properly display their self-identified name, over legal name.

WHEREAS, a name-in-use system exists at UWM, but is not applied to student identification cards, and therefore does not adequately serve the student body – such as the Transgender, International or Native American populations on our campus.

WHEREAS, other University of Wisconsin four-year institutions have a name-in-use system for identification cards.

WHEREAS, the UWM Police Department, Registrars Office, LGBT+ Resource Center, Chancellors LGBT+ Advisory Committee and Student Association Gender and Sexuality Advocacy Committee have expressed support for such a change in policy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Panther Card Office and Registrars Office shall amend its system and policy to best meet the needs of currently underserved student populations.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that modification of policy results in the display of names in use on student identification cards.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; if concerns manifest regarding efficiency or implementation of said system, there shall be a gathering of relevant stakeholder to finalize a preferable name-in-use system.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; that this resolution be forwarded to the LGBT+ Resource Center, Women’s Resource Center, the Inclusive Excellence Center, Dean of Students Timothy Gordon, Registrars Office, UWM Police Department, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs James Hill and Chancellor Mark Mone.

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Legislative History
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