

A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, REQUESTING THE CREATION OF AN LGBTQ-ORIENTED PROGRAM OF STUDY

WHEREAS: The first institution of higher education to create an LGBTQ studies course was the University of California-Berkeley in 1970, since then lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer studies is a growing field of study in the United States integrating race, gender, and class as analytical categories alongside sexual orientation, and

WHEREAS: The program of study would be interdisciplinary, incorporating and synthesizing history, political science, culture, philosophy, theory, psychology, and education, and

WHEREAS: A program of study in this topic area would be intersectional, drawing upon the ideas of power, privilege, and oppression to better understand identities and how they interact with one another, as well as how society interacts with these identities, and

WHEREAS: Introduction to LGBTQ studies and an LGBTQ study abroad trip have been successful courses with a total student enrollment of 52, these students would be likely to continue taking courses in the topic area and with diverse course offerings this number would grow, and

WHEREAS: Expanding the course offerings into a program of study—whether it be a minor or a micro-credential would diversify our course offerings, and

WHEREAS: The Department of History and Geography as well as the College of Education and Human Services have partnered with the Office of LGBTQ Programs and Services to provide LGBTQ studies courses in the past, and

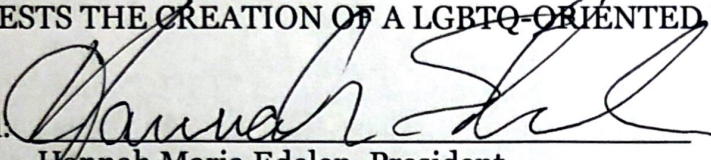
WHEREAS: Bonnie Meyer, Director of the Office of LGBTQ Programs and Services spoke on her experiences as an instructor of LGBTQ studies stating “Knowing that at least 15-20% of our student population identifies as part of this community and as a regional leader in LGBTQ work on university campuses, it is essential that our curriculum reflects our student population. Offering this minor will certainly draw even more students to NKU as our curricular offerings will reflect our inclusive campus community,” and

WHEREAS: The University of Louisville created an LGBTQ studies minor recently, the minor is 18 credit hours and includes courses on topics such as queer politics, LGBTQ literature, social justice movements, as well as a community internship or independent study, and

WHEREAS: Northern Kentucky University currently has a 4.5/5 stars on the Campus Pride Index. Among the factors keeping our university from receiving 5 stars is a low score (3.5/5 stars) on academic life. Creating an LGBTQ-oriented program of study would allow for this deficiency to be rectified.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, ON THIS FIFTEENTH DAY OF APRIL 2019 THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY REQUESTS THE CREATION OF A LGBTQ-ORIENTED PROGRAM OF STUDY

Signed:


Hannah Maria Edelen, President

Attest:


Jarett Lopez, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee



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