A Resolution Amending the Graduate Professional Council Constitution to include the Gender Identity and Expression Clause

Whereas, the Graduate Professional Council’s current Non-discrimination Clause reads as follows “The Graduate Professional Council prohibits any constitutional, ritualistic, or selective restriction that shall deny membership to any student for reasons of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability, Vietnam Veteran Era status or sexual orientation.”

Whereas, the Graduate Professional Council prides itself in the diversity of its members and attempts to preserve an open environment for the advancement of Graduate and Professional Students regardless of sexuality, and

Whereas, Transgender persons are statistically discriminated against and more likely to suffer from violence than other GLBT groups, and

Whereas, Transgender inclusion is essential in promoting tolerance and diversity in the Graduate Professional Council.

Therefore, Be it resolved that the Graduate Professional Council supports the inclusion of “gender identity and expression” to the non-discrimination statement for the Graduate Professional Council Constitution.

Execution Clause: The Graduate Professional Council Constitution will now read “The Graduate Professional Council prohibits any constitutional, ritualistic, or selective restriction that shall deny membership to any student for reasons of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability, Vietnam Veteran Era status, sexual orientation, or gender identity and expression.”

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