



Dear campus community,

We hope you are well. As Wayne State University's student governing body, we are responsible for representing students' voices on matters that impact our community. Per our mission statement, we are committed to providing representation and advocacy for all by bridging the gap between students, faculty, staff, and administration. Student Senate is focused on the student experience first, ensuring inclusivity and equity for our peers. Recently, our campus community witnessed statements that did not align with both our, and the university's, mission and commitment to inclusivity.

On Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, during the Board of Governors' Student Affairs Committee meeting, a presentation regarding a then-proposed Center for Gender and Sexuality was disrupted by Governor Michael Busuito's homophobic comments regarding the LGBTQIA+ community. Wayne State University Student Senate wants to make it clear that discrimination is not welcome at a university that prides itself on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Governor Busuito's comments do not represent the incredible LGBTQIA+ community at Wayne State and beyond.

Despite Governor Busuito's statements, the Center for Gender and Sexuality was approved, and the Student Senate is looking forward to its opening and continuing to support our campus. We are proud to stand behind a center that will provide our LGBTQIA+ community with a space to thrive, conduct research, and connect with peers in a supportive, welcoming, and encouraging environment.

Wayne State University's Student Senate disapproves of Governor Michael Busuito's comments during the Board of Governors meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and will continue to advocate for our fellow students by following the university's mission of "prepar[ing] a diverse student body to thrive."

We encourage our Warrior community to connect with many of our fantastic on campus resources as we navigate an incident such as this. Please consider visiting Wayne State's Office of Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), the Office of Multicultural Student Engagement (OMSE), or the Dean of Students Office's (DOSO) care, support, and intervention services for information on submitting a CARE report for another member of the WSU community and for complaint services.

We look forward to growing together as a more unified, diverse, and inclusive campus community here at Wayne State University.

With Warrior Pride,

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Hayden Johnson  
President

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Yusra Zouani  
Vice President