

*A resolution supporting the Queer Studies Minor*

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**WHEREAS**, It is a core value of this University to promote diversity and inclusion, with the recognition that embracing the identity of a welcoming campus to all makes us a stronger community; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, Students who identify as members of the LGBTQ+ student population face specific challenges in institutions of higher education, and need dedicated resources to ensure their student success; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, Although current resources, programming, and initiatives designed to support LGBTQ+ student life are helpful, adding more institutional support will provide long-term sustainable resources; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, Alongside their need for student success resources and student life support, LGBTQ+ students at Wayne State University would also like opportunities to academically engage in the field of Queer Studies, thereby promoting an environment of academic inclusion; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, it is the core mission of the Wayne State University Student Senate to support initiatives that promote student success and reduce the barriers that students face at this University.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wayne State University Student Senate would like to reaffirm its support for the development of the Queer Studies minor. This minor is 18 credits and includes an *Introduction to Queer Studies* class that also counts as a general education requirement.

**AND FINALLY, BE IT ORDERED**, that the Wayne State University Student Senate will circulate this request to all relevant outlets.

X Riya Chhabra

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