Associated Students of Northern Michigan University

2.4. A resolution for the support of a gender inclusive housing policy at NMU.

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Sponsor(s): President Kat Klawes
College of Business Representative Jess Gula;
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Whereas, one of the missions of Northern Michigan University is to embrace
diversity, while also displaying a commitment to social justice and
creating an environment where all students are given equal opportunities
to succeed1; and

Whereas, students are forced into uncomfortable and potentially dangerous housing
situations due to being housed among a gender identity they may not or
may no longer identify with; and

Whereas, the current on-campus housing arrangements are based upon an outdated,
gendered system; and

Whereas, "the current policy is unethical as it forces students to out themselves to
others"2; and

Whereas, the implementation of gender inclusive housing policy would allow
students to room together regardless of biological sex, gender, or gender
identity; and

Whereas, gender inclusive housing would help make the campus of Northern
Michigan a safe place to live for students of all orientations and gender
identities providing them with due rights; and

Whereas, university housing with a roommate should be an option available to all,
rather than just to those who fit norms of gender or sexual orientation; and

Whereas, many universities like Grand Valley State University, Michigan
Technological University, Michigan State University, All Ivy League

2 OUTlook. (2014, December 9). Gender-Inclusive Housing. (K. Klawes, & S. Williams, Interviewers)
Universities, University of Texas, and many others have already taken appropriate steps to ensure the safety, comfort, and success of all students in housing situations\(^3\); now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University formally advocate and endorse the implementation of gender inclusive housing; and

Resolved, that Housing and Residence Life and the community of Northern Michigan University should collectively develop and institute a form of gender inclusive housing as an option for all students; and

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution will be presented to the Board of Trustees on February 13th, 2015, and sent to the Director of Housing and Residence Life Gary Bice, and any other appropriate administrators.


Katerina Klawes, President

Alex Hawke, Chair of the Assembly