Resolution Urging the Development of All-Gender Restrooms
Resolution 13
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WHEREAS, it is the Students' Association Government's responsibility to advocate for a safe, inclusive, and accessible environment for all members of the Students' Association; and

WHEREAS, the University of Rochester's nondiscrimination statement includes gender identity and expression; and

WHEREAS, students and University affiliates of all gender identities and expressions deserve to have access to safe and inclusive restrooms; and

WHEREAS, visitors, including parents and guardians of small children, also need access to all-gender restrooms; and

WHEREAS, those with physical disabilities needing the assistance of differently-gendered attendants also need access to all-gender restrooms; and

WHEREAS, current all-gender restroom, shower facility, and locker room options are extremely limited or non-existent in a number of locations on the River Campus, including, but not limited to, the Susan B. Anthony Residence Hall, the Residence Quadrangle, Goergen Athletic Center, Fauver Stadium, Rush Rhees Library, Carlson Library, Hutchison Hall, the Academic Quadrangle, and Strong Auditorium.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Students' Association Senate advocates for the reorientation of current public restroom facilities such that all freshmen residence halls, academic buildings, student services buildings, athletic buildings, and all other buildings used by members of the Students' Association reflect the University's commitment to a safe, accessible society for members, regardless of gender identity or expression; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Students' Association Senate advocates for the modification of building design standards to include a commitment to creating all-gender restroom options in all newly constructed or renovated buildings owned or managed by the University of Rochester; and
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Students' Association Senate directs the Projects & Services Committee, the Students' Association President, and Senator Wegman to advocate for all-gender restrooms in future conversations with University Facilities and Services, the Office of the President, Board of Trustees, the Office of Advancement, and all other relevant University administration.

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SENATE VOTE TOTALS:  
Yes:  16  No:  0  Abs:  0  Date:  2/12/15