Implementation of All Gender Restroom Facilities in Dormitories
Senate Resolution No. 26

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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 to the extent that the University of Rochester’s health insurance coverage provides support to individuals undergoing gender transitioning¹; and

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

¹ http://www.rochester.edu/sba/resources/TransAtUofR.html
WHEREAS, freshman undergraduate students on the River Campus currently do not have access to a full All Gender restroom\(^2\) and only two half\(^3\) All Gender Restrooms have been placed in freshman dormitories; and

WHEREAS, full All Gender restrooms on campus are extremely limited in student dormitories, and are currently nonexistent in most hall-style dorms, specifically in the Susan B. Anthony residential halls and the halls on the Residential Quadrangle; and

WHEREAS, in a survey of 322 UR students conducted by the Students’ Association Government, 37% of these students reported that they have entered a UR restroom that did not match their gender identities and 83% of these students stated that they would be comfortable using the facilities of a full All Gender Restroom in residence halls;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Students’ Association Senate advocates for the implementation of full All Gender Restroom facilities in freshman residential halls, specific to the Susan B. Anthony residential halls and the halls on the Residential Quadrangle, that reflect the University’s commitment to a safe, accessible environment for its members, regardless of gender identity or expression;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Students’ Association Senate directs the Executive Branch of the Students’ Association Government to advocate for \(\frac{1}{4}\) of bathrooms in the Susan B. Anthony dormitory and at least one full restroom per Residential Quadrangle building to be designated as All Gender restrooms by 2016-2017 school year in future conversations with University Facilities and Services, Residential Life, the Office of the President, Board of Trustees, the Office of Advancement, and all other relevant University administration.

\[\text{Signature} \quad \text{Signature}\]
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Senate Votes: Yes: 110  No: 0  Abs: 2  Date: 12/07/2015

\(^2\) A full All Gender Restroom contains a shower, sink, and toilet
\(^3\) A half All Gender Restroom contains only a sink and toilet