



Resolution to propose the addition of a gender-neutral floor, including gender-neutral bathroom and shower facilities, within Urness Hall.

Whereas, Augsburg College commits itself to “intentional diversity” in its mission statement, including all gender identities and expressions.

Whereas, Urness Hall is the only residential hall on campus that is neither gender-neutral in its bedroom spaces or in its bathroom and shower facilities. All first-year students living on campus are required to live in Urness Hall provided space is available, which causes inherent problems for first-year students who do not identify within the gender binary, as well as gender nonconforming and transgender students who do not feel safe or comfortable in these living spaces.

Whereas, Urness Hall does have a coed floor; however, co-ed is defined as “for or serving both men and women alike,” as opposed to a gender-neutral space which is defined as “a housing option in which two or more students may share multiple-occupancy spaces in mutual agreement regardless of students’ sex or gender” (Brandeis University).

Whereas, the following higher education institutions offer gender-neutral housing options to all students (including first-year students) in order to create and foster an inclusive environment on their campuses: Amherst College, Colorado College, Connecticut College, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, Hamilton College, Kent State University, Macalester College, New York University, Pennsylvania State University, Salem State University, University of Maine, University of Oregon, Washington State University, among others.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the Augsburg Day Student Government, propose that the third floor in Urness Hall be converted into an accessible gender-neutral floor, including gender-neutral bathroom and shower facilities, in order to create an inclusive community for first-year students.

Be it resolved, that the Augsburg Day Student Government also propose that during the housing application process students are given the opportunity to choose to live on a male-only floor, to live on a female-only floor, to live on a gender-neutral floor, or to indicate no preference. Before applicants are



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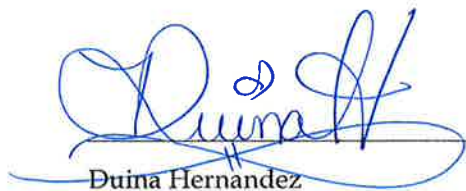
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