



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.R. 65-13

**The Student Senate
65th Session
Texas A&M University**

Introduced By: Senator Robbie Cimmino, Off-Campus
Senator Joseph Puente, Off-Campus
Senator Patrick O'Neal, Off-Campus
Senator Jose Luis Zelaya, Education
Senator Trevor Brown, Off-Campus
Senator Paige Melendez, Off-Campus

Action Taken

POSTPONED
INDEFINITELY
by voice vote
4/17/13

Certified By:

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Scott A. Bowen
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

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John L. Claybrook
Student Body President

The GLBT Resource Center Support Resolution

"A resolution expressing Texas A&M Student Senate's support for the GLBT Resource Center"

- Whereas (1):** In a memo on the action of student senate, R. Bowen Loftin, President of Texas A&M University, said, "I am firmly committed to creating and maintaining a welcoming campus environment, one that values our differences as well as our individual and unique contributions to the Aggie Family."; and
- Whereas (2):** The original and revised language of S.B. 65-70 were deemed discriminatory to the LGBT community at Texas A&M by much of the student body, alumni, and local, state and national media outlets; and
- Whereas (3):** The first duty of the Texas A&M Student Senate is "to enact any piece of legislation necessary to promote the general welfare of the student body"; and¹

¹Student Senate 101: <http://senate.tamu.edu/about/guide>

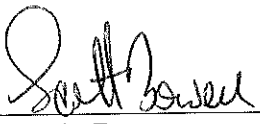


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- Whereas (4):** S.B. 64-57 updated and expanded the non-discrimination policy of the Texas A&M System by adding sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression to the yearly non-discriminatory employment memo². This expansion continued system wide under President Loftin³; and
- Whereas (5):** Outlined in the 6th Imperative of Texas A&M University's Vision 2020 Creating a Culture of Excellence Report states, "The ability to survive, much less succeed, is increasingly linked to the development of a more pluralistic, diverse, and globally aware populace. It is essential that the faculty, students, and larger campus community embrace this more cosmopolitan environment. The university's traditional core values will give us guidance and distinctiveness, while preparing us to interact with all people of the globe. Texas A&M University must attract and nurture a more ethnically, culturally, and geographically diverse faculty, staff, and student body"; and⁴
- Whereas (6):** According to the students' responsibilities of the Student Rules, which each individual student, faculty member and staff employee is expected to read, "A student has the responsibility to maintain a level of behavior which is consistent in supporting the learning environment of the institution and to recognize the University's obligation to provide an environment for learning"; and⁵
- Whereas (7):** The Texas A&M GLBT Resource Center is a "resource and referral center for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Aggies and their straight supporters. The Center educates all campus and community constituencies on GLBT issues through programming about sexual orientation and gender identity/expression, advocacy, leadership and visibility"; and⁶
- Whereas (8):** The Texas A&M GLBT Resource Center also collaborates with many student organizations to provide programs and services to students across campus; and,
- Whereas (9):** Multiple attempts have been made in the past few years, at the university and state levels, to defund or limit university funding for the GLBT Resource Center.

²S.B. 64-57 Bill Summary <http://senate.tamu.edu/archives/64/bills/SB64-57>

³Battalion article <http://www.thebatt.com/loftin-adds-gender-identity-expression-to-a-m-nondiscrimination-memo-1.2783154>

⁴Twelve Imperatives of Vision 2020 <http://vision2020.tamu.edu/the-twelve-imperatives>

⁵Student Rules <http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rights>

⁶Texas A&M GLBT Resource Center homepage <http://studentlife.tamu.edu/glbt/>



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Therefore

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Resolved (1): Texas A&M Student Senate recognizes the value of the GLBT Resource Center's contribution to providing a community of respect, an environment for academic success and furthering Vision 2020 while reflecting the Core Values of Texas A&M.

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Resolved (2): Student senate supports continued funding for the services that the GLBT Resource Center provides.

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Enacted (3): That a copy of this bill shall be sent to:

- Dr R. Bowen Loftin, President of Texas A&M
- Ms. B. J. Crain, Chief Financial Officer
- Dr. Anne Reber, Dean of Student Life
- Ms. Sydney R Gardner Director of the GLBT Resource Center
- Texas A&M Board of Regents