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Resolution 3-19-S. Resolution to Support students who select to have their preferred name on

class rosters, student IDs, and email addresses to have their preferred name appear in dominate form.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the initiative, brought forward by the Transgender Non-Binary student organization, to have students’ preferred name appear in dominate form on class rosters, student IDs, and email addresses.

WHEREAS: Currently, students are able to select their preferred name, but their legal name appears in the more dominate form, and

WHEREAS: “Dominate form” is defined as appearing first, in bold, and larger text, and

WHEREAS: It has been brought to attention that some students, who identify as transgender, non-binary, or otherwise do not identify themselves by their legal name, feel that when professors read out their legal name, it creates a non-inclusive/non-welcoming classroom setting, and

WHEREAS: Instructors often read a student’s legal name, which could out the transgender or non-binary student in front of the entire class. Outing a transgender or non-binary student may not only be uncomfortable, but it may also pose a safety risk for the student. Instructors often say that they didn’t see the preferred name and instead used the legal name that appeared in dominate form, and

WHEREAS: WKU Information Technology Services has devised a solution to move the preferred name prior to the legal name on the course roster to avoid any feelings of non-inclusiveness and potential safety risks.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support the students who select to have their preferred name on class rosters, student IDs, and email addresses to have their preferred name appear in dominate form.

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