

First Reading: February 6th, 2018
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Resolution 1-18-S: Resolution to Support Integrated Medical Education Curriculum for LGBTQ+ Health

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the implementation of an integrated medical education curriculum for LGBTQ+ health at Western Kentucky University.

WHEREAS: Patients who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender nonconforming, or born with differences of sex development face significant health disparities. Many of these disparities originate from discrimination and systemic biases that decrease access to care and from inadequate provider knowledge that contributes to unmet medical needs, and

WHEREAS: The University of Louisville has implemented such a curriculum in their medical school, now requiring 50 hours of LGBT-specific training, and provide a model for similar integration of curriculum in healthcare training at Western Kentucky University, and

WHEREAS: The WKU School of Nursing offers several degrees & programs for those seeking to enter the nursing profession or to further their nursing career. Their mission is “to produce culturally sensitive nurses for an increasingly global society at the associate, baccalaureate and graduate levels and to provide continuing education opportunities for lifelong learning to our constituents.” Further training in LGBTQ+ healthcare will increase effectiveness of care, including in clinicals, and the marketability of graduates, and

WHEREAS: The UK College of Medicine is establishing a four-year regional campus in Bowling Green in partnership with Western Kentucky University that will open in 2018 to offer regional comprehensive care. A university-sponsored LGBTQ+ health training curriculum will encourage likewise training to best benefit the Bowling Green community, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the implementation of an integrated medical education curriculum for LGBTQ+ health at Western Kentucky University.

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