



S2023-R8 – UNT Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resolution

WHEREAS, the 221st Student Body Senate has recognized Texas House Bill 1006, House Bill 3164, Senate Bills 16, 17, 18 and the effects that these bills will have on public universities across the state of Texas, including the University of North Texas (UNT).

WHEREAS, If these bills are passed, there would be an increased risk of the elimination of the Multicultural Center due to its commitment to “foster[ing] the success and awareness of historically underrepresented student populations with an emphasis on disability, ethnicity, gender, interfaith, race and sexual orientation. The Center’s programs and activities are developed to increase the awareness, understanding, and intersectionality of the various identities in the UNT community.”

WHEREAS, due to the Multicultural Center being at risk of being removed, the employees of the Center are at risk of losing their jobs.

WHEREAS, Entities like the Black Student Union; Latinx Hispanic Student Union; Native American Student Association; Blackout Alliance; Beautiful Eagles LLC; the Divine Nine; Latin Dreams; Pride Alliance; African Student Organization; Students of East Africa; and others that promote or support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion would likely be prohibited funding, promotion, or any kind of sponsorship from UNT.

WHEREAS, Course curriculum would be affected with any classes pertaining to or mentioning Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion being prohibited from UNT curricula. Research or creative works by a student or faculty pertaining to or mentioning Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion would be prohibited from UNT.

WHEREAS, Physical and mental health services of UNT are at risk of being eliminated due to the special treatment of or providing special benefits on the basis of race, color, and/or ethnicity.

WHEREAS, UNT could be restricted from requiring students and employees to participate in training on diversity, equity, inclusion, bias, oppression, gender identity, or related concepts on the basis of admission and/or enrollment to UNT, employment/promotion to UNT, or participating in any way with UNT or graduating from UNT.

WHEREAS, Organizational events such as the Black Student Experience and the Latinx Student Experience are on hold because of their mission to “develop and foster success, pride, joy, culture, and leadership among our incoming Latinx/Hispanic and Black students.”

WHEREAS, UNT is a Hispanic Serving Institution, “committed to serving underrepresented and underserved communities. As a university located in the increasingly diverse region of North Texas, we believe its critically important to expand its resources to serve as a welcoming institution for everyone.”

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, The 221st Student Body Senate supports and joins the efforts of Texas Students for Diversity Equity and Inclusion Coalition, “a grassroots movement of Texas higher education students building power for diverse, equitable and inclusive learning institutions.”

Respectfully Submitted,

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In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.

Speaker of the Senate

Date

Presidential Action:

- Vetoed
- Approved

President of the Student Government Association

Date

Senior Vice President for Student Affairs

Date