RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

OF

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Adopted 8 December 2016

Whereas, Montana State University is committed to refining a strategic plan for diversity and inclusion; and,

Whereas, The Women’s Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) program offers powerful diversity education which acts as a humanizing influence, allowing students to better recognize the inherent worth of their diverse peers; and,

Whereas, The WGSS program regularly sees high enrollment in courses, despite a lack of lower-division credits and no CORE 2.0 recognition; and,

Whereas, The WGSS program would benefit from the creation of 100-level classes that would reach students early in their education, contributing to diversity appreciation in the student body; and,

Whereas, If more courses in WGSS had CORE 2.0 diversity recognition, students in science and engineering fields would be more likely to encounter diversity training and subsequently understand the challenges their diverse peers face, thus increasing equity on campus; and,

Whereas, MSU has always had a strong commitment to women, as evidenced by the quote from Edna Ferber inscribed on Centennial Mall, which states, “I am not belittling the brave pioneer men, but the sun bonnet as well as the sombrero has helped to settle this glorious land of ours”; and,

Whereas, Montana State University’s Statement on Diversity states, “learning is enhanced when topics are examined from diverse perspectives and because individuals possess unique outlooks which reflect the world around us, Montana State University is dedicated to creating an inclusive community that embraces a rich mix in the composition of its student body, staff and faculty”; now, therefore, be it;

Resolved, That ASMSU advocates for increased visibility of the WGSS program; and,

Resolved, That ASMSU supports more classes within the WGSS program being designated as CORE 2.0 classes and the creation of 100-level classes to supplement its curriculum.

Bradley Jones – Senate Speaker