

**Resolution Title:** Resolution in Support of Creating a University-Recognized Lesbian Gay Bi-Sexual Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Advisory Board to the Academic Senate  
**Sponsored by:** College of Liberal Arts Faculty Council  
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**WHEREAS** the Lesbian Gay Bi-Sexual Transgender (LGBT) Task Force at California State University, Long Beach is a staff and faculty group that seeks to advise and collaborate with all segments of the university to recruit, retain, and promote the success of LGBT students, staff, faculty, administrators and other individuals historically marginalized by society; and

**WHEREAS** the LGBT Task Force supports the mission of the university to be, ‘ a diverse, student-centered, globally-engaged public university committed to providing highly-valued undergraduate and graduate educational opportunities through superior teaching, research, creative activity and service for the people of California and the world’<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** through active partnerships with other cultural groups and organizations on campus, the LGBT Task Force upholds the university’s commitment to diversity and global engagement through advocacy on behalf of all groups historically marginalized by society; and

**WHEREAS** the LGBTQ Advisory Board will highlight the successes and challenges of the university with regard to LGBTQ issues and enhance its' continued pursuit of excellence as an institution of public higher education; and

**WHEREAS** a culmination of multiple and consecutive instances of adversity can create periods of great hardship for LGBTQ students, faculty and staff, which threatens the future and quality of the campus community; and

**WHEREAS** such hardships can only be mitigated and minimized by the collective effort of all members of California State University, Long Beach involved in the preservation of a safe, friendly and productive campus environment; and

**WHEREAS** the LGBT Task Force applauds the letter from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights dated October 26, 2010 sent to US schools, colleges and universities that explained educators’ legal obligations to protect students from student-on-student racial and national origin harassment, sexual and gender-based harassment and disability harassment.<sup>2</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** the LBGT Task Force recognizes the importance of their presence based on a letter from Speaker of the Assembly John. A. Perez dated November 23, 2010 to the CSU Board of Trustees; which expressed concern that "conditions still exist within higher education system that could allow a Rutgers-like incident to take place on one of our campuses;"<sup>3</sup> therefore be it

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.csulb.edu/about/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.ed.gov/about/office/lis/ocr/letters/colleague-201010.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.asmdc.org/speaker/pdf/11.23.10letter.pdf>

**RESOLVED** that we support the creation of a university recognized LGBTQ Advisory Board at California State University, Long Beach under the auspices of the Academic Senate; and be it

**RESOLVED** that membership include elected parties through Academic Senate, Staff Council, Auxiliary organizations, ASI and some serving as ex-officio by virtue of their position; and be it

**RESOLVED** that the LGBTQ Advisory Board has final authority on the makeup and structure of their organization;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be given the widest dissemination possible, including being forwarded to the CSULB faculty, the leadership of the CSULB Academic Senate, Associated Students, the CLA Dean, CSULB Provost, CSULB President, F. King Alexander, CSU Chancellor Charles Reed and any other relevant outlets.

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13 April 2011  
Date