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Academic Senate Resolution

Taft College

Title: ASR-05-01 Resolution in Support of Single User Restrooms, Infant Changing, Lactation Room, and First Aid Station Conversion of S-11

Whereas Taft College should be an inclusive community with a diverse composition of students, faculty, and staff and there are no restrooms or facilities to accommodate special needs that are publicly accessible;

Whereas, using a bathroom and having privacy is a basic human need and right, and essential for successful study and work, some students and families are in need of a single user restroom such as students with disabilities whose caretakers are of a different gender, transgender students and employees, and parents with children such as a father with a daughter;

Whereas Taft College's Mission, Vision, Goals, and Equity Plan advise the district should provide adequate facilities required for students and employees, we seek to do better for our community than the minimum requirements required by California State Assembly Bill 1732 passed and signed into law in 2016, effective March 1, 2017, "Existing law requires a public agency, as defined, that serves the public or is open to the public and maintains toilet facilities to make those facilities available to the public free of charge. Existing law requires publicly and privately owned facilities where the public congregates, as defined, to maintain a sufficient number of temporary or permanent toilet facilities to meet the needs of the public at peak hours. Existing law also requires each business establishment to provide, within reasonable access, a sufficient number of toilet facilities for the use of the employees.";

Resolve, Taft College will identify and designate space on the campus for single-user restroom and accommodation rooms, perhaps the conversion of S-11 back into bathroom facilities via a collaboration of all constituent groups with the Facilities Committee, Governance Council, and Associated Student Organization (ASO); and

Resolve, Taft College shall meet the basic biological needs of our most vulnerable individuals for their better success.

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