



The 71st Senate of the ASUP

*A Bill to Amend the Sustainability & Social Responsibility
Committee into the Diversity & Social Responsibility
Committee*

IN THE Seventy First Undergraduate Senate

14 September 2020

Senator Martinez for the *College of Arts and Sciences*

Background and Definitions

The SSR is a standing committee established to uphold the responsibility of the University of Portland to respond to climate change. This bill would amend the focus centered around the formal representation of climate action at the University and redirect the focus to promote greater diversity at the University of Portland. The purpose of the DSR would be to work collaboratively with DIP and minority clubs, diversity outreach initiatives, to advocate and support diversity in our college community.

Standing Committee: An established Senate committee that deals with separate issues concerning the University of Portland and the student body. They operate every year and members include Senators as well as students, and can include members of the Executive Board. Senate Chairs report each Senate meeting to update the rest of the Associated Students of the University of Portland on the progress of their committee.

Statement of Resolution

Whereas; the Associated Students of the University of Portland enhance diversity by encouraging policies, programs and efforts that recognize, respect and celebrate diversity throughout the year, and

Whereas; the Associated Students of the University of Portland utilize existing programs and clubs to collaborate for a more equitable institution, and

Therefore, be it resolved, the Associated Students of the University of Portland recommend and request the assessment strategies of the campus climate for diversity, and

Therefore, be it resolved, establish criteria and review applications for campus diversity initiative grants, and

Therefore, be it further resolved, report annually to the Office of the President through the administration and the following text will be added to the ASUP Bylaws Article III Section 1:

E. The Diversity & Social Responsibility Committee

a. The DSR Committee shall deal with all issues relating to the University's responsibility to act on the needs of students who feel tokenized and ostracized by a predominantly white institution. This shall include, but not be limited to, actively pursuing a safe space to hear from students, faculty and staff and actively pursuing the University's Statement on Inclusion: "We seek to create and sustain an inclusive environment where all people are welcomed as children of God and valued as full members of our community...we provide all who live, learn and work at the University the opportunity to actively participate in a vibrant, diverse, intellectual community that offers a broad range of ideas and perspectives, so that we may all learn from one another". It shall specifically address matters involving:

i. Promotion of diversity and social responsibility through campus initiatives designed to hold the University accountable to sustain an inclusive environment.



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**BY A VOTE OF 14 TO 0 WITH 14 VOTES PRESENT ON
THIS 05 DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020**

Drew Jones
Speaker of the ASUP Senate

Sage Taylor
President of the ASUP

VETOED: _____

Attesting: _____

Title: _____