



<b>Resolution Number:</b>	F-14-01	<b>Sponsored By:</b>	Senator Maria Beelen and the Educational Affairs Committee
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<b>Voted On:</b>	November 20, 2014		
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<b>Vote Count:</b>	--		

**A RESOLUTION TO:** Declare student support for the Women and Gender Studies Program in its effort to become the Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies.

**Recognizing,** the Women and Gender Studies (WGS) Program now seeks to become the university's official Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies;

**Recognizing,** the Women and Gender Studies (WGS) Program already operates and functions as an official university department;

**Whereas,** with regular faculty, staff support, and 150 students, the WGS Program is larger than some existing departments;<sup>1</sup>

**Recognizing,** that in becoming a department, the financial need of WGS will not increase;<sup>2</sup>

**Recognizing,** adding "Sexuality" to the WGS title as it becomes a department will better reflect the diverse array of subjects already taught by WGS faculty and others;

**Recognizing,** that becoming a department with a new name will enable WGS to formally recognize a reality that already exists in practice;

**Recognizing,** that becoming a department will empower WGS to continue promoting equality on our campus;

**Let It Be Resolved:** The Grand Valley State University Student Senate stands in support of the WGS Program in its effort to become the Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies.

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. Kathleen Underwood, current head of the WGS Program.

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