

Associated Students of Foothill College Resolution on Gender-Neutral Bathroom Accessibility

Whereas, the mission and vision of Foothill College is to obtain equity in achievement of student outcomes for all California student populations and educate students from diverse backgrounds that represent the demographics of the Bay Area, with particular attention to underserved and underrepresented populations; and

Whereas, Foothill College and the Associated Students of Foothill College wants to uplift students in the LGBTQIA+ community and ensure their success; and

Whereas, Foothill College currently provides 3 gender-neutral bathrooms on campus; and

Whereas, while the Associated Students of Foothill College appreciate the attempt to provide access to gender-neutral bathrooms, the Associated Students of Foothill College recognizes that these bathrooms are located in complex and non-central areas of campus and are inaccessible due to a lack of adequate signage; and

Whereas, Foothill students have attempted to access gender-neutral bathrooms but have found them to be locked during school hours; and

Whereas, the Associated Students of Foothill College find no gender-neutral bathrooms in the Hubert H. Semans Library, a central campus location; and

Whereas, the Associated Students of Foothill College find no gender-neutral bathrooms in the by the Lohman theater/Counseling/Admissions & Records area, a location accessed by the public as well as for many students who utilize these staple services; and

Whereas, the Associated Students of Foothill College find no gender-neutral bathrooms in the Athletics quad, a location used often by our student-athletes; and

Whereas, the Associated Students of Foothill College recognizes that an expansion of gender-neutral bathrooms in these areas would create a more positive, welcoming, and accepting campus, especially for students in the LGBTQIA+ community;

Resolved, in order to relieve the distress that members of the LGBTQIA+ community may face when acting on the simple task of using the restroom, the Associated Students of Foothill College calls on Foothill College to include a gender-neutral bathroom in the Hubert H. Semans Library, add a gender-neutral bathroom near the Lohman Theater/8000s area, and add a new gender-neutral bathroom in the Athletics quad;

Resolved, the Associated Students of Foothill College calls on Foothill College to add proper signage/wayfinding for and promote the existence of the currently existing and proposed gender-neutral bathrooms in order to provide equal accessibility for members of the LGBTQIA+ community;

Resolved, the Associated Students of Foothill College asks that all gender-neutral bathrooms remain unlocked during school hours.