

THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

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A Resolution Formally In Support of the University Chosen Name Policy

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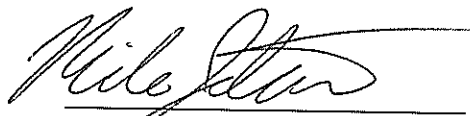
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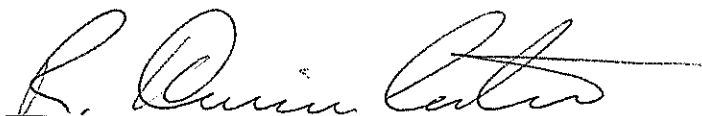
Approved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body, and prepared for the presentation to
the president of the Undergraduate Student Government

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Approved by the president of the Undergraduate Student Government, and so order into effect.



Michael Johnston
Speaker of the Senate



R. Harrison Carter
President of the Undergraduate Student Government

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In the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body here assembled,

1. **Whereas**, the Undergraduate Student Government represents the undergraduate student voice
2. at Bowling Green State University; and
3. **Whereas**, Bowling Green State University and the Undergraduate Student Government
4. aim to ensure all student voices are represented within the Senate; and
5. **Whereas**, Bowling Green State University has an obligation to the student population to foster
6. an inclusive and supportive environment for all; and
7. **Whereas**, Our mission should be to provide students with avenues to accurately express and
8. demonstrate themselves, and
9. **Whereas**, A Chosen Name Policy would accomplish this mission by enabling
10. Students, faculty, and staff at BGSU to identify themselves in the way in which they like on
11. BGSU identification; and
12. **Therefore, let it be resolved that**, The Undergraduate Student Government formally
13. supports the Chosen Name Policy that has been drafted by Jennifer McCary and the division
14. of Diversity and Belonging.

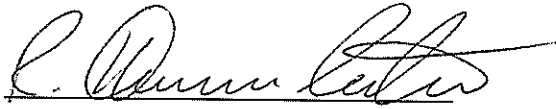
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*Passed by the Senate and ordered presented to the president of the Undergraduate Student Body
for Approval or Veto.*



Michael Johnston
Speaker of the Senate

I do hereby approve and order this legislation into effect.



R. Harrison Carter
President of the Undergraduate Student Government

I do hereby disapprove and order this legislation to be returned to the Senate.

R. Harrison Carter
President of the Undergraduate Student Government

Appendix:

3341-2-xx Chosen Name Policy.

Applicability	All University units
Responsible Unit	Office of Registration and Records
Policy Administrator	Registrar

(A) Policy Statement and Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to enable students, faculty, and staff to use a chosen name within specific university systems and processes. This policy is intended to cover the subset of individuals who have not yet or do not wish to legally change their name, therefore, utilization of this policy does not constitute a pledge on the part of the student or faculty or staff member to legally change their name.

(B) Policy

Students, faculty, and staff may select a chosen name other than their legal name to be used on certain university documents (specifically class rosters, BG1 Cards, and diplomas). Chosen name here refers to a first name which is different than the legal first name.

- (1) Students, faculty, and staff may designate a chosen name, and may elect to revert to their legal name, at any time.
- (2) The documents will incorporate a chosen name indicator to signal that the first name displayed is not the same as the legal first name.
- (3) There may be a fee waiver for the replacement of the BG1 Card as determined by the University for good cause shown.

(4) The use of the chosen name for purposes of misrepresentation or other inappropriate purposes will be cause for removal of the chosen name and reversion to the legal name.

(5) The chosen name cannot appear on any university legal documents such as official transcripts and/or admission, employment, financial aid, medical, disciplinary, or law enforcement records.

(6) Listing a chosen name on identification will constitute an alias and therefore may need to be disclosed when undergoing a background check. BGSU will disclose the chosen name in compliance with any lawful request.

(C) Process

Students wishing to enter a chosen name will do so with the Registrar. Faculty and staff wishing to enter a chosen name will do so with Human Resources. A chosen name may be denied for the following reasons (list not exhaustive):

(1) If the name may be used to avoid a legal obligation.

(2) If the name may misappropriate the identity of someone else or involve other fraud or misrepresentation.

(D) Caution Regarding Use of the BG1 Card

Students, faculty, and staff should be aware that a BG1 Card with a chosen name on it which is not also the card holder's legal name is a valid form of legal picture ID when one's legal name appears on the back of the card. Without one's legal name printed on the back of the card, representing it as legal ID to an office or law enforcement official would be to misrepresent one's legal identity.

(E) Additional Information

For additional information, please visit www.bgsu.edu/...