

THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

S.R. 2019/2020 – 02

A Resolution Formally Supporting the official recommendation to the President brought forth by the Gish Theater Task Force

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

April 29, 2019

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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.

April 30, 2019

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



R. Harrison Carter
Speaker of the Senate



Marcus Goolsby
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**, the mission statement of Bowling Green State University is to “build a welcoming,
6. safe and diverse environment” and in order to accomplish this mission every student on the
7. campus must feel safe; and

8. **Whereas**, the Gish theater was moved from former Hanna Hall into the Bowen-Thompson
9. Student Union with educational pieces on the outside of the theater; and

10. **Whereas**, these educational pieces mention a film by the name of *The Birth of a Nation*
11. (D.W. Griffith, 1915) which takes place during the Civil War era and is famous for its
12. promotion of racist ideology, American slavery pre-abolition, and the resurgence of the Ku
13. Klux Klan; and

13. **Whereas**, this film does not promote diversity and inclusion and therefore it is against the
14. vision and mission of Bowling Green State University; and

15. **Whereas**, to tackle this issue President Rodney Rogers formed a task force on
16. February 26, 2019 to “provide guidance to the President and the Board of Trustees” in the
17. areas of the name of the theater, recognition of alumni, and the enhancement of diversity and
18. inclusion; and

19. **Therefore let it be resolved**, the Undergraduate Student Government of Bowling Green
20. State University supports that recommendation of the Gish Theater task force to rename
21. the theater to support the University’s mission.

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



R. Harrison Carter
Speaker of the Senate

I do hereby approve and order the legislation into effect.



Marcus Goolsby
President of the Undergraduate Student Government

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

Marcus Goolsby
President of the Undergraduate Student Government