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**A Resolution -**

**To be known as “A Resolution to Establish an Independent Discrimination Prevention Oversight Committee” to ensure that no member of our student population is discriminated against in any way during their enrollment at Texas State University.**

**WHEREAS:** We take great pride in our diverse student population and the multitude of different perspectives each student brings to our University; and

**WHEREAS:** We as a University hope to foster a learning environment in which one can study, learn and grow while being free from undue discrimination on the basis of Age, Disability, Sex, Race/ Color, National Origin, Sexual Orientation, Veteran Status, or Gender Identity; and

**WHEREAS:** There have been documented instances of such acts of discrimination being perpetrated by employees of Texas State University against students; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Texas State University work in conjunction with the Office of the Dean of Students and the University President’s Office to establish an independent and unbiased “Discrimination Prevention Oversight Committee” which will hear appeals initiated by students regarding acts of discrimination being perpetrated against said students; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That this “Discrimination Prevention Oversight Committee” be established by or before the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year and let each committee be composed of an equal number of current students, staff and faculty who will hear each discrimination case brought before them and make recommendations and issue rulings or prescribe punishment or necessary actions to resolve the issue brought forth in each case; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the students of Texas State be informed via email of the establishment of this committee and let this committee be vested with the necessary powers and duties by the President of the University to complete a proper review and issue meaningful rulings that will indeed bring about a resolution for each case; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That upon passage, this piece of legislation be forwarded to President of Texas State University Dr. Denise M. Trauth, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Gene Bourgeois, Dean of Students Dr. Margarita M. Arellano, The University Star and Student Body President Andrew Homann for immediate action.