

Senate Minutes 10-8

Quorum not met

President's Report:

Explains what quorum is.

We can bring up legislation but not vote on it since we haven't met quoru.

Reevaluate Quorum: moved by senator Unsell

Quorum is met

Senate Resolution #10082020 Gender Inclusivity Signage of Restrooms:

Author: Senator Brown

Aims to modify signage of family restrooms (3 on campus) to affirm the identity of students without a gender identity inside of the binary spectrum. The purpose is to give students with various gender identities a place where they are comfortable to use the restroom. Gendered signage should be taken down and replaced with the word, "restroom."

Tecson: Where would the signage of gender neutral restrooms be located?

Brown: Resolution's aim is to simply make the family restrooms gender neutral, not necessarily to add more restrooms.

Peebles: (to body) Do we have any unisex restrooms on campus right now?

Shores and Brown: No

Humphrey: Is there a cost to this action?

Brown: Cost would be minimal and up to the university to cover?

Melendez: What made the author write this resolution?

Brown: is a member of Prism which has students with various gender identities and it is worth it to alleviate the anxieties of gender nonbinary students while they use the restrooms.

Peebles: (Comments to body) The next step is to build on these restroom inclusivity actions by putting feminine hygiene products in all restrooms.

Unsell: Would there be a way to put gender inclusive restrooms in every building?

Brown: The restrooms come in pairs and it would be difficult to convince the university to add restrooms or change them but that is an amendment that we can make to do so.

Melendez: What is the purpose of using "restroom" rather than "family restroom?"

Brown: Replacing "family" with "restroom" makes people more comfortable using the restroom. (Question time extended by 3 minutes)

Peebles: Would having phrases like "unisex" or "gender neutral" as labels make students with varying gender identities more comfortable.

Brown: those phrases have some negative connotations to them but "restroom" alone is as inclusive and normalizes gender inclusivity.

Alexander: Would the author be willing to table the resolution and hold a survey of the student body?

Brown: Yes.

Peebles: motions to table the resolution until next week

Motion passes by unanimous consent and the Resolution is tabled until next week.

Open Discussion and Announcements:

Alexander: If anyone misses a meeting, they should turn in an absentee form which they can find on our website.