



Student Senate

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS

University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus Student Senate

Resolution:  
(2018)

Committee: CU Anschutz Student Senate Legislative Affairs

Introduced by: Adebisi, Oluwatosin; Burch, David; Clemens, Michael; Norby-Gordon, Anna; Mundo, William; Sheneman, David

Title: CU Anschutz Support of Transgender, Non-binary, Intersex, & Genderqueer Students

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WHEREAS, the preamble<sup>1</sup> and responsibility of the University of Colorado Anschutz Student Senate safeguards the rights and interests of all students while recognizing and respecting the strength and diversity of each individual student. CU Anschutz Student Senate promises to support the students through accurate representation and professional interaction with campus programs and organizations,

WHEREAS, transgender people are at increased risk of violence and suicide than cisgender individuals, with major risk factors including discrimination and ill treatment within healthcare systems<sup>2</sup>; and,

WHEREAS, the current administration of the United States of America has released a memo<sup>3</sup> to redefine and thus remove protections for transgender individuals guaranteed in Title IX, the federal civil rights law banning discrimination on the basis of gender in education programs receiving federal assistance; and,

WHEREAS, the CU system considers gender identity and gender expression as protected classes, and is committed to protecting transgender, gender non-conforming, intersex, and non-binary students from discrimination based on gender identity/expression,

WHEREAS, CU Anschutz should ensure equal opportunity to flourish academically, socially, culturally, and professionally to all students who attend;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, CU Anschutz Student Senate acknowledges the memo<sup>3</sup> as an attack on transgender, non-binary, intersex, and genderqueer people and students of the University of Colorado Denver, and the proposed actions directly conflict with CU Anschutz Student Senate's preamble<sup>1</sup>,

THEREFORE, The CU Anschutz Student Senate intends to advocate on behalf and in support of transgender, gender nonconforming, intersex, and non-binary students to the CU Anschutz administration,

THEREFORE, The CU Anschutz Student Senate will continue to uphold its preamble<sup>1</sup> by issuing this statement of support,

THEREFORE, The CU Anschutz Student Senate shall call upon the various schools of Anschutz Medical Campus to jointly release a statement declaring support for all transgender, gender non-conforming, intersex, and genderqueer faculty, students, and patients, and promise their continued dedication to protecting these individuals, regardless of any prevailing political ideology.

## **REFERENCES:**

1. CU Anschutz Student Senate (2014) Constitution of the student body of the university of colorado anschutz medical campus
2. Barboza, G., Dominguez, S., Chance, E., Physical victimization, gender identity and suicide risk among transgender men and women. *Preventive Medicine Reports*. 2016; 4; 385-390.
3. Green, Erica, Benner, Katie & Pear, Robert (2018) *Transgender' Could Be Defined Out of Existence Under Trump Administration*.  
(<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/21/us/politics/transgender-trump-administration-s-ex-definition.html>)
4. The Office of the Attorney General (2017) Revised Treatment of Transgender Employment Discrimination Claims Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

## **RELEVANT UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO POLICY :**

### **CU Denver's Support of Transgender, Non-binary, Intersex, & Genderqueer Students**

1. CU Denver Student Government Association (SGA) acknowledges the memo<sup>3</sup> as an attack on transgender, non-binary, intersex, and genderqueer people and students at the University of Colorado Denver, and the proposed actions directly conflict with CU Denver SGA's mission statement as described,
2. Student Government intends to advocate on behalf and in support of transgender, gender nonconforming, intersex, and non-binary students to CU Denver's administration,
3. CU Denver SGA will continue to uphold its mission by issuing this statement of support and will have stronger presence at LGBTQ and Genders and Sexualities Alliance (GSA) programming to show support, and to encourage an immersive and informed experience for student leadership, and
4. The Student Government Association at CU Denver shall collaborate with CU Denver's GSA and the LGBTQ Student Resource Center to coordinate trainings and advocate for the students impacted.

### **CU Anschutz Student Senate Constitution**

#### **PREAMBLE**

We, the students of the Anschutz Medical Campus of the University of Colorado Denver exist not only as individuals, but also as a community. The purpose of this constitution is to unify the student community.

The Student Senate (Senate) members at the Anschutz Medical Campus exist to foster interdisciplinary interaction and coordination among students of the Anschutz Medical Campus. This body also exists to provide effective channels of communication among the student bodies, councils of the schools, and programs served at the Anschutz Medical Campus, as well as to

serve as spokespersons for the Anschutz Medical Campus students. Furthermore, we represent student interests and opinions to policy organizations, including but not limited to, the Board of Regents, the State of Colorado, and the Anschutz Medical Campus.