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3 **The Student Association of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma**

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7 **Gender Inclusivity Signage of Restrooms**

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9 WHEREAS: The Student Association Senate is the representative body for the students of the
10 University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and the unified voice that affirms
11 students’ concerns; and,
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13 WHEREAS: For a growing segment of the population of the USAO community, their gender
14 and gender identity may be different than the ones that are represented around
15 campus. This is especially true of the gendered signage of restrooms that may
16 create discomfort for those individuals whose gender or gender identity does not
17 conform to those posted outside of restroom facilities. As such, revising the
18 gendered language on the signs of the preexisting “Family Restroom” restrooms
19 on campus to “Restroom” will reflect a more inclusive atmosphere and will give
20 more comfortable access to the USAO community; and,
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22 WHEREAS: Revising the gendered language to be non-specific and instead more utilitarian in
23 nature will allow those who do not conform to the specified gender on the
24 restroom sign to feel more comfortable when using these restrooms without fear
25 of possibly being confronted by others who may take issue with those who do not
26 appear to conform to a specific gender or gender identity using these restrooms.
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28 WHEREAS: The sign revision will affirm those individuals whose gender or gender identity
29 does not conform to a specific gender and reduce their chances of possibly
30 experiencing acute anxiety, stress, and/or dysphoria associated with using public
31 restrooms.
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33 WHEARAS: The sign revision will reflect USAO’s commitment to diversity, inclusion, and the
34 comfort of its community.
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36 **NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**
37 **SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND ARTS OF OKLAHOMA THAT:**

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39 SECTION 1: The gendered family restroom signs on the outside of various locations would be
40 removed and replaced with signs that say “Restroom”. Restroom locations that do
41 not have a gendered restroom sign but have a family restroom sign will have the
42 “Restroom” sign added to them.
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44 SECTION 2: The Maintenance staff of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma would
45 be contacted to make these sign changes. These sign changes will be made before
46 the conclusion of the Fall 2020 semester.

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SECTION 3: The gendered family restroom locations that will have their signs changed are as follows: Both family restrooms on the 1st floor of the Lawson Court Clubhouse will have the “Men” and “Women” signs removed from above the “Family Restroom” sign and replaced with a sign saying “Restroom”. The family restroom on the 1st floor of Troutt Hall will have a sign saying “Restroom” added directly above the “Family Restroom” sign currently in place.

SECTION 4: Copies of this act shall be distributed to the following:
All current members of the USAO Student Government Association (SGA) Senate, all current members of the SGA Executive Council, all current members of the SGA Supreme Court, and all current advisors of the SGA.

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SGA President

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