**PURDUE STUDENT SENATE**

Bill 23-10

*“Renewal of PSG Ad Hoc Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Student Rights”*

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Agenda Date(s):

Recommendations:

Action(s):

President Pro Tempore: Gabriela Da Silva

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*WHEREAS*, The LGBTQ+ Community at Purdue University is a growing and prevalent population that in many cases requires access to opportunities and resources not provided to the general campus population; and

*WHEREAS*, the lack of these resources not only brings down the ranking of the university as a whole but is a disservice to the rights of our LGBTQ+ Students; and

*WHEREAS,* the Purdue Student Government and the Student Senate have a responsibility to advocate for the student body in order to create an inclusive environment with a variety of resources for LGBTQ+ students; and

*WHEREAS*, continuing the work of this committee to research and evaluate the resources both provided and not provided to these students would be an effective way to evaluate and advocate for the necessary changes on campus; and

*WHEREAS,* in the 2022-2023 Academic Year, the PRIDE Ad Hoc Committee was able to create an LGBTQ+ Student Issues survey to evaluate student needs on campus; and

*WHEREAS,* Additionally, alongside members of the LGBTQ+ and trans community at Purdue held a “Block Party to Eradicate Transphobia” which uplifted and empowered transgender student voices at Purdue; and

*WHEREAS,*  In the upcoming year, the PRIDE Ad Hoc committee hopes to establish an LGBTQ+ Student Issues Action Plan and host roundtable discussions to better serve the campus community.

**Therefore, be it ENACTED,**

that Purdue Student Senate renew the Purdue Senate Government Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Student Rights, which will be entitled “Purdue’s Resource for Inclusivity, Diversity, and Equity (PRIDE)” as an Ad Hoc Committee for the current Senate session composed of Purdue Student Government officers and members, as well as other individuals beholden to the interests of the committee; and

that the co-chairpersons of the committee for Fall 2023 shall be President Pro-Tempore Gabriela Da Silva and Senator Parker Woodruff; and

that every semester thereafter, a chairperson or co-chairpersons must be nominated in order to be considered to lead, and will then be chosen by 50% + 1 majority vote cast by members of the committee. If three or more individuals are nominated and an absolute majority cannot be reached, a run-off vote system will be used; and

that the chairperson will abide by the rules laid out in Article II, Section 1. Part A, Subsection 2. of the Bylaws of Purdue Student Government; and

that the Campus and Student Resource Affairs standing committee will hold purview over the PRIDE Ad Hoc Committee.

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