



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS *of the* **UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND**

Resolution Acknowledging the Concern Resulting from the “European Cultures Club” proposition

Passed March 22, 2018

WHEREAS, the name of this resolution shall be Resolution Acknowledging the Concern Resulting from the “European Cultures Club” proposition

WHEREAS, On March 1st the ASUPS Senate discussed the request for approval of a “European Cultures Club”

WHEREAS, The ASUPS Senate tabled the item because the ASUPS Senate failed to notify the students of the proposed club that the request was on the agenda and ASUPS then reached out to the students of the proposed club for further clarification

WHEREAS, The ASUPS Senate registered significant concern from the Student Body regarding the larger implications caused from the creation of this club

WHEREAS, The students leader of the proposed club subsequently met with the ASUPS Vice President and Associate Dean of Students to discuss the concerns that had been raised and to workshop the club constitution

WHEREAS, from this point forward ASUPS will implement an additional responsibility requiring the Club Liaison to engage with all club applications prior to formal senate

WHEREAS, On March 6th the student withdrew the club request

WHEREAS, After further discussion with the student it was determined that there was no malicious intent in the creation of the club

WHEREAS, despite the intentions of the club ASUPS acknowledges European Cultures Clubs have been used by White Supremacist Groups to conceal their true agenda

WHEREAS, ASUPS also acknowledges that legacy of racism and colonialism associated with European Culture and the ways this University is complicit in these structures

WHEREAS, ASUPS recognizes that the current political climate of this country has made the threat of such explicit racism especially alarming on our campus

WHEREAS, ASUPS takes note of the recent white supremacist activity in and around Tacoma

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Puget Sound:

CONDEMNS, all explicit and implicit manifestations of White Supremacy on campus and in our larger community

ACTIVELY PERCEIVES, the larger implications and harm that this has already caused, especially for students of color and other marginalized groups on campus

CALLS FOR, more intentional thought and recognition among the campus community regarding the ways structures of oppressions affect individuals on campus

FURTHER CALLS FOR, expanded education for all members of the community, including faculty and staff, regarding identity and cultural competency

FURTHER CALLS FOR, the Board of Trustees to recognize the ways the structures of the University are complacent in these dynamics

COMMITS ITSELF TO, being aware of and engaging in issues of diversity and inclusion on campus.