A RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE THE LGBTQ+ CENTER, WOMEN’S RESOURCE CENTER, AND CENTER FOR BLACK CULTURE AND RESEARCH IN CAMPUS TOUR RESOURCES

Short Title: Incorporating Resource Centers on Campus Tours
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Whereas, The West Virginia University Student Government Association’s Preamble “ensures the personal freedoms and general welfare of the student body”; and,

Whereas, The West Virginia University Mission Statement states “The faculty, staff and students at West Virginia University commit to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare and prosperity for all by providing access and opportunity”; and,

Whereas, The self-guided tour map located on the WVU Visitors Center website does not demarcate the location of the LGBTQ+ Center, Women’s Resource Center, and Center for Black Culture and Research; and,

Whereas, The “WVU Guide” application available on smartphones, which is controlled by the WVU Visitors Center, for self-guided tours does not list these specific centers as “Stops on this Tour” for the Downtown Tour section; and,

Whereas, The Virtual Tour program on the WVU Visitors Center website, developed by the company YouVisit, does not include audio or visual representation of the centers on the Virtual Tour; and,

Whereas, YouVisit works directly with University Relations to create the content for the Virtual Tour, and to ultimately choose which parts of campus are represented on the Virtual Tour; and,

Whereas, YouVisit is scheduled to return to campus this school year to create new content for the WVU Virtual Tour; and,

Whereas, Tour guides for the Guided and Large Group tours have varying ability to speak about the LGBTQ+ Center, Women’s Resource Center, and Center for Black Culture and Research based on their personal experiences, or lack thereof, with these resources,
Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:

Section 1: The West Virginia University Student Government Association supports more representation of the LGBTQ+ Center, Women’s Resource Center, and Center for Black Culture and Research on campus tours and tour resources in the form of demarcation on self-guided tour maps, inclusion as listed stops on the WVU Guide application, and visual or audio descriptions on the Virtual Tour.

Section 2: The Student Government Association encourages University Relations to recommend including these resources in the upcoming update of the Virtual Tour. All these efforts for including the LGBTQ+ Center, Women’s Resource Center, and Center for Black Culture and Research on campus tour resources is so that visitors can take note of the location of the centers, and these programs can describe their functions.

Section 3: Upon its passage and approval, this resolution shall be forwarded to:

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Sabrina Cave, Executive Director, Student Enrichment
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