



GSO Senate Resolution 23.01¹

**A Resolution to Update the
GSO Diversity Committee Name and Charge**

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Action(s): Passed (31 Yes; 1 No; 2 Abstentions)

Chair of the Senate: Daniel J. Kimmel

President Pro Tempore of the Senate: Vito Iaia (At-Large Senator)

Parliamentarian: N/A

President of the Student Body: Yousr Dhaouadi

Whereas, the Diversity Committee charge is largely outdated and does not specify what kind of diversity we are trying to address; and,

Whereas, the Diversity Committee attempts to educate people at all levels of the university to encourage a better graduate student experience; and,

Whereas, during the 21-22 AY the GSO Vice President of Internal Affairs urged the Diversity Committee to reflect on the committee's current charge² and to devise a new charge and/or name to reflect the current meaning of the word 'diversity' if need be; be it

Resolved, That the Diversity Committee be invested with the following charge:

The Diversity Committee studies and suggests solutions to problems affecting Syracuse University graduate students regarding internal diversity. This includes problems of race, ethnicity, gender identity, assigned sex, sexual orientation, national origin, cultural

¹ Formerly GSO Senate Resolution 22.10: *A Resolution to Update the GSO Diversity Committee Charge*.

² For the current GSO Diversity Committee charge, see *GSO Committee Charge Appendix to the Resolution* (below).

identity, religion, class, disability, and age. The committee also encourages and implements educational efforts involving internal diversity for all members of campus to improve the graduate student experience. This committee will make periodic reports to the Senate on these topics, and coordinate with GSO University Senators serving on University Senate committees related to diversity.

And be it, Resolved, That the Diversity Committee's name be updated to the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) Committee.

GSO Committee Charge Appendix to the Resolution

The charge of the GSO Diversity Committee states: "The Diversity Committee works on the important questions of diversity on our campus, including LGBT and women's concerns. This committee will make periodic reports to the Senate on these topics, especially making recommendations on action to be taken by the Senate and Executive Board to improve graduate student academic life at the university. This committee will coordinate with any GSO University Senators serving on University Senate committees related to diversity."