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**SA1718-034: Giving Asian, Latina, African, Native American Womyn (ALANA) a Permanent Seat within Student Senate**

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WHEREAS; Feminist Standpoint Theory, founded by sociologist Dorothy Smith, states that “marginalized groups are socially situated in ways that make it more possible for them to be aware of things and ask questions than it is for the non-marginalized.”

WHEREAS; Women of color hold a more critical lens of society because they reside within multiple marginalized identities. Women of color benefit the least from unique social systems of power and their identities place them in a position that allows for a more accurate perception of social inequities within American society according to Standpoint Theory.

WHEREAS; Women of color face institutional barriers that prevent them from calling out these inequities, including a lack of representation in leadership positions

WHEREAS; Women of color do not have a specific seat on Student Senate

WHEREAS; Women of color need a voice and representation in Student Association to create a more well-rounded and inclusive decision-making body that adheres to the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse’s Inclusive Excellence mission of “...fostering greater diversity, equity, inclusion, and accountability at every level of university life.”

WHEREAS; ALANA has demonstrated their interest and dedication by providing a member to represent their organization and women of color on this campus. Their membership is growing and they have new members willing to take on the role of Senator in the future

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WHEREAS; Senate removed the 2 RHAC Senate seats in the last academic year, thus creating room at the table.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; Student Senate will change the amount of human diversity seats from nine to ten within the Student Association By-Laws to include ALANA. To include ALANA in section 3.102 in Student Association By-Laws as ten senators and ALANA

THEREFORE FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED; this amendment to the Constitution will be voted on in a referendum in the Spring 2018 Student Association Election

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