



Baylor University Board of Regents Resolution on a Caring Community

May 14, 2021

The mission of Baylor University is to educate men and women for worldwide leadership and service by integrating academic excellence and Christian commitment within a caring community. Baylor is committed to providing a loving and caring community for *all students* because it is part and parcel of the University's mission.

The Baylor University Board of Regents reaffirms the following core commitments of our Christian mission for our campus community:

- The dignity and worth of all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, as we strive to fulfill our Christian commitment of a caring community.
- The biblical understanding that sexual relations of any kind outside of marriage between a man and a woman are not in keeping with the teaching of Scripture, as summarized in the University's [Statement on Human Sexuality](#).
- Our commitment to providing a welcoming, supportive educational environment based on civility and respect for all.

As a Board of Regents, we recognize that Baylor's LGBTQ students continue to seek care, connections, and community on our campus and a sense of belonging within the Baylor Family. As an important and faithful expression of our Christian mission, we desire to establish trust with our LGBTQ students so that, among other things, they might seek out the resources provided by Baylor.

THEREFORE, the Baylor University Board of Regents acknowledges the University's responsibility to serve the needs of all students entrusted to us across all areas of their development – academics, personal, and spiritual.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Baylor University Board of Regents approaches this challenging situation with a spirit of grace and truth, as described in the first chapter of John. "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (v17). The University remains committed to extending Christ-like love and grace in caring for all our students and meeting them where they are, just as Jesus did, and adhering to traditional biblical teaching of Scripture regarding human sexuality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Baylor University Board of Regents charges President Linda A. Livingstone, Ph.D., and the University Administration to determine the appropriate pathways to provide additional care, connections, and community for Baylor's LGBTQ students, including the possibility of establishing a new, chartered student group that is consistent with Baylor's core commitments summarized above and the University's policies and statements.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be shared with all constituencies of Baylor University in a spirit of openness and transparency and with an expression of the Board's commitment to fulfilling the University's mission of providing a caring community for all members of the Baylor Family.

The Baylor University Board of Regents, this fourteenth day of May two thousand twenty-one.