

In response to recent anti-transgender laws that have been passed or proposed in Iowa and many other states, the members of MMU's Faculty and Staff Gender and Sexuality Alliance want to offer this statement:

Along with the Women's Sports Foundation, we believe that transgender girls and women deserve the same opportunity as their cisgender sisters, a chance to compete and build community in the joyous world of girls' and women's sports.

We also believe that all students—including trans students, LGBTQ+ students, and students of color—deserve lessons and library materials that represent them accurately and fairly.

We are working to make a world in which these students are unhampered by hateful legislation, free to be themselves, secure in the knowledge that they are beautiful and valuable members of our community.

With Pride, members of MMU's Faculty and Staff GSA

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