STUDENT SENATE

Session I

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**SR-01-23**

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# SENATE RESOLUTION SR-01-23: A Resolution to Improve Menstrual Hygiene Options in Bellevue College Women's and Gender-Neutral Restrooms.

WHEREAS: Bellevue College values diversity and inclusion, and recognizes that students come from various cultural backgrounds with different practices and preferences regarding menstrual hygiene; and,

WHEREAS: The current provision of menstrual hygiene products in school women's restrooms is limited to tampons, which may not meet the needs or preferences of all individuals; and,

WHEREAS: Access to menstrual hygiene products is essential for the health, dignity, and academic success of all students who menstruate; and,

WHEREAS:Providing a variety of menstrual hygiene products, including pads of different sizes and menstrual cups, can better accommodate the diverse needs and preferences of the student body; and,

WHEREAS:Ensuring a wider range of menstrual hygiene products in restrooms can reduce anxiety, absenteeism, and discomfort for students who menstruate, thereby enhancing their overall well-being and academic performance.

WHEREAS: RCW 28B.170.010 mandates that colleges and universities provide free menstrual hygiene products in women’s restrooms and all-gender restrooms; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF BELLEVUE COLLEGE**

THAT:Bellevue College continues to demonstrate its commitment to inclusion and cultural sensitivity by recognizing and accommodating the diverse needs of its student body; and,

THAT:Bellevue College ensures that all women's restrooms and gender-neutral restrooms are stocked with a variety of menstrual hygiene products, including tampons, pads of different sizes, and menstrual cups, to adequately meet the needs of all students; and,

THAT:Bellevue college regularly monitors and replenishes these supplies to ensure consistent availability of menstrual hygiene products; and,

THAT: Bellevue College allocates funds to support the provision and maintenance of a diverse range of menstrual hygiene products in restrooms; and,

THAT: Bellevue College commits to complying with RCW 28B.170.010 by ensuring that free menstrual hygiene products are readily available in all women’s restrooms and all-gender restrooms on campus, supporting the health, dignity, and academic success of all students who menstruate

THAT: A copy of this resolution be sent to Sara Holzknecht, Director of the Office of Sustainability, Tali Yehuda, Director of Custodial, and David May, President of Bellevue College.

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