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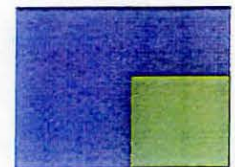
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General Membership
meeting times are TBD
for Spring semester
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The Gender
Book



Our Mission Statement

To aid in transforming the legal aspects of student's life in coordination with their personal transition(s).

We strive to advocate and guide students through this process. Understanding the limitations of college students, we want to provide financial support for the costs of aligning chosen name with legal documentation.

As a group founded on activism, we believe in the dignity of all, and find the changing of one's birth name to their chosen name to be an essential part of transitioning.

We raise funds through a number of creative and transformative ways to inspire and engage our community. Through raising these funds we will create awareness and a more open campus.

Considerations we support include, but are not limited to: change of name, documentation of name change, graduation diploma, postage, driver's license, social security card, and passport.



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Vocabulary, Commonly Asked Questions, and Other Things You Should Know About Trans* Identities

What Is This Group For?

Our group is a student organization that assists trans* identified persons in the process of changing their legal name to their preferred name. We also work with the UMD campus and community members to create awareness of the gender spectrum through trainings, conversations, and events.

Why Does Someone Need a Name Change?

Not everyone identifies with their birth/legal name or gender. Therefore, they seek a name change that they choose to fit their identity that better reflects who they are. What a person represents, and who they are is attached to their name. By having legal documentation with their chosen name, it affirms their identity and matches who they are.

What Is A Gender Identity?

A gender identity is how we identify within our mind as opposed to our sex or biological features (genitalia). The most common gender identities are male, female, or gender variant.

What is Gender Variant?

Gender Variant are different forms of gender. A person may not want to associate themselves with male or female, but rather somewhere on the spectrum of identities. A person may identify as any, or all. This is sometimes also known as "Third Gender," using the pronouns "Ze," and "Hir."

What is Trans*?

Trans*gender is an identity where a person's given sex at birth does not correspond with their gender identity. They do not match certain gender roles, or expectations. A person will identify with a gender that makes them comfortable and that represents who they are as a person.

"What Is Your 'Real' Name?"

It is incredibly offensive and invasive to ask a trans* or gender queer identified person this question. It devalues a person's identity, and is no one's business.