

1 Title: **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION**
2 **OF BILINGUAL NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS AND SPEAKERS OF**
3 **ENDANGERED LANGUAGES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**
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5 Sponsored and written by: Russell Hugo (Linguistics), and Yutaka Jono (GPSS
6 Secretary).
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8 Resolution Number: 9.07-08
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10 WHEREAS, The primary mission of the University of Washington is the preservation,
11 advancement, and dissemination of knowledge; and
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13 WHEREAS, Linguistic identity often plays an important cultural role; and
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15 WHEREAS, Many languages spoken by small groups of people are in danger of being
16 extinct; and
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18 WHEREAS, There have been reports and allegations of linguistic and dialect
19 discrimination; and
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21 WHEREAS, The University is committed to promoting diversity.
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23 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:
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25 THAT, GPSS supports exploring the following policies on campus:

- 26 1) To officially recognize the cultural and intellectual value to the UW community
27 of non-native English speaking bilingualism and/or fluency in a/an endangered
28 language(s).
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- 30 2) To officially recognize that the linguistic identity of a speaker is an important
31 diversity factor.
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- 33 3) To discourage linguistic discrimination on the basis of a speaker's first language
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- 35 4) To establish databases of native speakers of languages other than English, as well
36 as 2nd language speakers of endangered languages.
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- 38 5) To create an opt-in process for those speakers in the database who are willing to
39 be contacted:
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 - 41 a) For vital translation support in the UW and surrounding community
42 medical centers (either voluntary or for possible monetary compensation).
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 - 44 b) For linguistic studies (e.g., work related to language preservation) (again,
45 perhaps with monetary compensation).
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47 c) For establishing support and outreach groups where the use of the
48 language is encouraged to continue being used and
49 materials/methods/research to facilitate the process may be shared with
50 speakers, especially parents who are raising bilingual children.

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52 6) To recommend that these points might also be considered a factor in the
53 admissions process.

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55 THAT, This resolution, upon approval, be sent to President Mark Emmert, and Todd B.
56 Mildon, JD (University Registrar, Director of Student Academic Data Management).

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58 *Presented to GPSS for approval on May 5, 2008*
59 *Approved on May 7, 2008*