

Associated Students of Northern Arizona University

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Resolution to Replace Latinx, Latin@, Latin# With Latine

Whereas, The Spanish language has a governing body (RAE) in order to prescribe and regulate the language.

Whereas, Language is dynamic and changes often occur. The concept of language variation implies that there is no better or worse version of the language, but there is the formal or standard register that must be used in order to be understood when communicating with speakers of other regions or countries.

Whereas, Ever since its foundation, Spanish has used the masculine form in plural to refer to both genders. For example, "Los latinos somos personas muy alegres," which translates to "Latinos are very happy people." If it is plural, it is understood that both genders are included. There is no ambiguity.

Whereas, It is not only A implies feminine and O masculine. A and O endings respect gender and have to agree with the articles of el, los, la, las. The Spanish language has rules in order to refer to gender.

Whereas, In the last few years there have been feminist groups and politicians that have adopted an inclusive version of the language, which the RAE has ruled against twice. These groups have used "desdoblamiento" to be politically correct by using the following symbols:

@ - arroba

- almohadilla

X - equis

E- amigue, adulte, ciudadane, etc.

The RAE has ruled twice against it because those are not vowels.

Whereas, The RAE is expected to approve the word “Latine” as an addition to the Spanish dictionary. This will offer a more organic alternative to inclusive language.

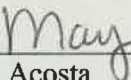
Whereas, This resolution is not meant to be limiting, rather, it attempts to respect the spanish language and offer a better alternative to the usage of Latinx, Latin@, and Latin#.

Therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students of Northern Arizona University:

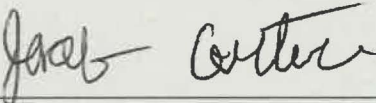
The Senate of the Associated Students of Northern Arizona University calls for the University to adopt and acknowledge the use of “Latine” as the better alternative when there is an inclination to replace the “o” or the “a” in the words “Latinos” and “Latinas”;

Be It Further Resolved, The Associated Student of Northern Arizona University recommend the university and all of its entities adopt the “e” on all University communication that uses “Latinx”, “Latin@”, “Latin#.”

Be It Further Resolved, The Associated Student of Northern Arizona University recognizes the “o” and the “a” is inclusive according to the RAE, however we encourage the usage of the “e” in an attempt to respect the communities that don’t feel the “o” and “a” has been inclusive.



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