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## President's January Statement on LGBT Equality

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Date: 27 January 1992

To: Members of the University Community

From: Robert L. Carothers  
President

Subject: Sexual Difference

The University of Rhode Island is a homosexual, bisexual and heterosexual community and it needs to see itself that way.

The University's official policy takes a positive step in this direction:

"The University of Rhode Island prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, age, color, creed, national origin, handicap, or sexual orientation, and discrimination against disabled and Vietnam era veterans in the recruitment, admission, or treatment of students, the recruitment, hiring, or treatment of faculty and staff, and the operation of its activities and programs."

This policy clearly prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Our goal, however, is not merely to avoid discrimination, but to celebrate sexual difference as a vital aspect of the University's diversity.

Please take the time to think about what it would mean to realize this goal, and direct your written responses to my office.

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