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## Statement of Purpose

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# THE COMMITTEE TO ELIMINATE HOMOPHOBIA AND HETEROSEXISM

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The committee is comprised of students, staff, and faculty, of all sexual orientations. We are working together to eliminate oppression, harassment, and discrimination directed toward gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals at the University and in our society. We are engaged, through education and advocacy, in an endeavor to ensure that the University lives up to its own anti-discrimination policy which states,

"The University of Rhode Island prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, sex, 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." (emphasis added)

Through the sponsorship of programs that encourage openness, understanding, and discussion, we wish to create an atmosphere that respects the dignity and worth of every individual. The committee will continue to advocate for the right of everyone to lead a life free of fear and harassment. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings of the committee.

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