

University of Wyoming Sorority Let's Transgender Student Join Despite Reported Concerns

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A sorority at the University of Wyoming has opened the door to allow a transgender student into the group that has been historically known to only allow females.

Kappa Kappa Gamma (KKG) voted on whether or not the transgender student who is a biological male should be allowed to join the sorority. In a majority vote, Artemis Langford has been accepted to join the group. In an interview with the UW's student newspaper the Branding Iron, Langford says, "I feel so glad to be in a place that I think not only shares my values, but to be in a sisterhood of awesome women that want to make history."

But, not everyone in the sorority joins Langford's excitement. Before Langford was officially accepted, KKG gathered together to discuss the future of the sisterhood. One sorority member told National Review the president and membership chair dismissed the concerns of members who felt "deeply uncomfortable with a male being accepted into their sisterhood."

NR reports the leadership pressured the women into accepting their ideology. The anonymous member references comments made by senior leadership about the girls being "homophobic" if they voted no. Another leader allegedly said, "If you have something to say about this that isn't kind or respectful, keep it to yourself."

In 2021, Kappa Kappa Gamma created a “guide” for supporting LGBT members. In the document it tells the sorority members they need to “Always refer to people by the names and pronouns they prefer.” They are told to “make it clear” to prospects during recruitment the chapter’s values on inclusion.

On the housing section it says that “yes” transgender members are eligible to live in a chapter house with other women.

The NR source says Langford does not appear to have transitioned. “He has made no efforts to physically look like a girl.” She continued saying, “He’s just calling himself a girl. All you have to do is identify as a she/her.”

The sorority leadership has reportedly told its members that if they have any problems with how things are being done they can “drop out.” The member says she has been called a bigot and transphobic for not wanting a biological male to shower and sleep in the same area. “It’s an awful situation to be in. It’s scary, not knowing if I’m going to transfer out of the school next semester.”

Community members have reportedly reaching out to local outlet Cowboy State Daily with concerns about Langford and living situation. They declined to comment publicly because they fear there will be repercussions for speaking out. {eo}

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