

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE “STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM”

WHEREAS, academic freedom of faculty and students is central to the basic integrity of the university as an institution created to serve the public interest in education, scholarship, and an uninhibited exchange of ideas;

WHEREAS, academic freedom and freedom of speech are essential to enable members of the university community to engage in public debate and dissent;

WHEREAS, Cornell University has a longstanding commitment to academic freedom and freedom of speech;

WHEREAS, University statements of rights and principles tied to academic freedom and freedom of speech should be easily accessible to all members of the University community;

WHEREAS, the current political climate has led to increased fear and uncertainty that can chill the exercise of academic freedom and freedom of speech by faculty, students, and staff.

WHEREAS, Cornell’s current guidelines and policies should be reviewed and revised, as needed, to ensure broad and strong protection of academic freedom and free speech;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate endorses the attached “Statement on Academic Freedom.”

Co-sponsoring senators:

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