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Resolution to Endorse the CUNYUFS-FCCC-SUNYUFS Joint Statement on Civil Discourse and Campus Climate

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Resolution #34 2016-2017
College Senate

TO: Dr. Heidi Macpherson, College President
FROM: The College Senate: 04/17/17
RE: I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
   II. Recommendation (Urging the Fitness of)
   III. Other, For Your Information (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)

SUBJ: Resolution to Endorse the CUNYUFS-FCCC-SUNYUFS Joint Statement on Civil Discourse and Campus Climate
(#76_16-17EC)

Signed: __________________________ Date: 6/19/17
(Sharon Lubkemann Allen, 2016-17 College Senate President)

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TO: Dr. Sharon Lubkemann Allen, College Senate President
FROM: Dr. Heidi Macpherson, College President
RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle choice)
   a. Accepted
   **Implementation Effective Date**: __Immediately__
   **Implementation of resolution requires final approval from SUNY- State Education Department. __YES__ __NO__
   b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on __/__/__
   c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II, III. Response to Recommendation or Other/FYI
   a. Received and acknowledged __/__/__
   b. Comment:

Signed: __________________________ Date: 7/17/17
(Dr. Heidi Macpherson, President, The College at Brockport)

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Resolution Proposal Cover Page

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 28

Incomplete proposals will be returned and proposals received after the deadline may not be reviewed until next semester.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use committee guidelines available at brockport.edu/collegesenate/proposal.html.
- Prepare ONE complete document in Word format: include this proposal cover page, proposal, attachments and support letters from your department chair and dean if applicable.
- Locate the Resolution # and date this proposal will replace at our “Approved Resolutions” page on our Web site.
- Email completed proposal to senate@brockport.edu. (General Education Proposals and questions go to dlamphro@brockport.edu in the Vice Provost’s Office first.)
- Make revisions on the paperwork emailed to you from the Senate office that shows the assigned routing number on top. Submit updated document to senate@brockport.edu.
- Questions? Call the Senate office at 395-2586 or the appropriate committee chairperson.

1. PROPOSAL TITLE: Please be somewhat descriptive, ie. Use a course number and/or title, indicate if for GED code, etc.
   
   Resolution to Endorse the CUNYUFS/FCCC/SUNYUFS
   “Joint Statement on Civil Discourse and Campus Climate”

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

   This resolution echoes the University Faculty Senate’s Endorsement on January 21, 2017 of the CUNYUFS/FCCC/SUNYUFS “Joint Statement on Civil Discourse and Campus Climate”
   

3. WILL ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AFFECTING BUDGET BE NEEDED? _x__ NO ___ YES EXPLAIN YES

4. DESCRIBE ANY DATA RELATED TO STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT USED AS PART OF THE RATIONALE FOR THE REQUESTED SENATE ACTION.

n/a

5. HOW WILL THIS AFFECT TRANSFER STUDENTS:

n/a

6. ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE:

   Immediately

7. SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES: PLEASE DATE ALL REVISED DOCUMENTS TO AVOID CONFUSION.

   First Submission          Updated on          Updated on          Updated on
   03/24/2017

8. SUBMITTED BY: (contact person)

   Name                        Department          Phone          Email
   Dr. Sharon Lubkemann Allen, College Senate Executive Committee 585.395.2586       Senate@brockport.edu
   College Senate President
   585.395.5828               SenPrez@brockport.edu

9. COMMITTEES: (Senate office use only)

   Standing Committee   Forwarded To     Dates Forwarded
   _x_ Executive Committee Standing Committee 3/24/17
   __ Enrollment Planning & Policies Executive Committee 3/27/17
   __ Faculty & Professional Staff Policies Senate 4/3/17, 4/17/17
   __ General Education & Curriculum Policies Passed GED’s go to Vice Provost 6/14/17, 6/19/17
   __ Graduate Curriculum & Policies College President 7/17/17
   __ Student Policies OTHER
   __ Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies REJECTED -WITHDRAWN

NOTES: Resolution #34
Resolution to Endorse the “Joint Statement on Civil Discourse and Campus Climate”
iissued by the CUNY University Faculty Senate,
SUNY Faculty Council of Community Colleges, and
SUNY University Faculty Senate

WHEREAS The College at Brockport has long been committed to civil discourse within and
reaching beyond the bounds of the Campus, as denoted in the “Better Community Statement”
developed decades ago and reaffirmed in the past several years by the College Senate, Student
Assembly, College Administration, and many individual faculty, staff, students, and alumni; and

WHEREAS this past fall the Executive Committee of the College Senate endorsed and published a
statement individually signed by several hundred faculty and staff at the college, attesting

We, the undersigned, faculty and staff at The College at Brockport, come together across
disciplines, departments, and professional units at the College, across diverse political orientations
and ideologies, to publicly embrace a learning, working, and living environment in which every
person is safe, respected, and included. In response to the intensification of intolerance and
intimidation on college campuses across the nation, we will continue to actively foster a learning
environment in which students, faculty and staff of every race, ethnicity, origin, citizenship, class,
gender, sexuality, ability, religion, and age can fully engage without fear in the exchange and
exploration of ideas. We share a faith in the value of inclusive public education, recognizing that our
collective pursuit of intellectual, creative, and professional excellence is strengthened by our diversity.
We want our students, our colleagues, and the larger community to know that we are committed to
cultivating an interconnected community marked by transformative engagement, civil dialogue,
tercultural understanding, critical inquiry, and creative collaboration for the common good.

We reaffirm our commitment to guiding principles of integrity, civility, and justice as articulated in
The College at Brockport's "Better Community Statement"
(https://brockport.edu/about/diversity/whatwearedoing.html).

WHEREAS faculty, staff, students and alumni have independently and collaboratively initiated and
sustained efforts to cultivate a campus culture within which all students, faculty and staff, alumni
and visitors, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, nationality or national origin, gender identity,
sexual orientation, political or ideological perspectives, are able to live and learn safely, engaging in
mutually enriching critical inquiry and creative expression;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the College Senate, representing the Faculty and Professional
Staff of The College at Brockport, State University of New York, endorses the following “Joint
Statement on Civil Discourse and Campus Climate” issued by the CUNY University Faculty Senate,
SUNY Faculty Council of Community Colleges, and SUNY University Faculty Senate:
CUNY University Faculty Senate, SUNY Faculty Council of Community Colleges, and SUNY University Faculty Senate
Joint Statement on Civil Discourse and Campus Climate

The SUNY Faculty Council of Community Colleges, the CUNY University Faculty Senate, and the SUNY University Faculty Senate affirm their commitment to foster campus climates that equitably support the diversity that is inherent in our modern, pluralistic society. Our academic communities depend on critical inquiry and the free expression of diverse opinions for the creation of effective and inclusive learning environments. We call upon all members of our academic communities—faculty, staff, and students—to not only engage in, but to encourage, civil discourse that enables the exchange of ideas, however uncomfortable, thus furthering the crucial mission of public higher education to contribute to the greater good.

Endorsed by the University Faculty Senate
January 21, 2017