WHEREAS: a liberal arts education is the foundation for a broad and deep understanding of nature and society;

AND WHEREAS: this broad and deep understanding facilitates the flexibility that is essential in a fast-changing world;

AND WHEREAS: understanding and knowledge are ends in themselves and not just means to economic productivity;

AND WHEREAS: the value of a liberal arts education is increasingly being called into question;

AND WHEREAS: the Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences issued a report called “The Heart of the Matter,” supported by the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation, which stresses the importance of education in the Humanities and Social Sciences;

AND WHEREAS: President Ono, Dean Jackson (A&S), Dean Probst (DAAP) and Dean Landgren (CCM) have committed both moral and financial support to a program at UC called “Reinvigorating the Liberal Arts;”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the Faculty Senate of the University of Cincinnati affirms its commitment to liberal arts education as a foundation for all areas of study;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the Faculty Senate of the University of Cincinnati supports the efforts of President Ono, Dean Landgren, Dean Probst and Dean Jackson in the “Reinvigorating the Liberal Arts” program.