

**Faculty Senate Resolution Affirming the University of Cincinnati Board of Trustees  
Resolution: Reaffirming Our Core Values of October 24, 2017**

**Whereas**, the Board of Trustees of the University of Cincinnati has reaffirmed its support of the core values of the University of Cincinnati; and

**Whereas**, President Pinto asserted in his August 2017 message to the community: *Hate leaves no room for moral ambivalence. At best, it poisons the human spirit. At worst, it courts death and destruction. We have a responsibility to speak up and out against any behavior that seeks to devalue our humanity and divide our democracy;* and

**Whereas**, the Board of Trustees has strongly denounced prejudice and racism and fully embraced the diversity that makes our university so great; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Trustees has reaffirmed the University's Just Community Principles, which call on every member of the university community to accept responsibility, celebrate the uniqueness of each individual, embrace freedom and openness, practice civility, promote justice, pursue learning and scholarship, seek integrity, and strive for excellence; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Trustees believe in upholding the First Amendment and recognize the fundamental role of free speech at a public university; and

**Whereas**, the Faculty Senate of the University of Cincinnati recognizes that academic freedom serves the crucial university and societal need for independent inquiry and free expression; that such freedom is the bedrock of democratic institutions and of an informed citizenry; and that the exercise of academic freedom requires the support and full exercise of the First Amendment; and

**Whereas**, the Faculty Senate affirms the values of our University and of the diversity and inclusion that keep our community strong;

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Faculty Senate supports the declarations of the Board of Trustees and President Pinto and affirms the importance of the UC community to speak out against that which would divide us and to promote and model those values that seek to unite us.

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