

Resolution

on Racism, Intimidation, and Free Speech on the TTU Campus

WHEREAS the "Unite the Right" rally of August 11-12 in Charlottesville, Virginia demonstrated the threat that white nationalist, white supremacist, neo-Confederate, neo-Nazi, and other hate groups pose to the intellectual life and open atmosphere of universities, as well as to the physical well-being of members of university communities and

WHEREAS the university is conceived as a place for the free exchange of knowledge and ideas without the threat of violence and

WHEREAS the faculty plays a vital role in creating and maintaining an atmosphere of inclusion and openness that is necessary for an institution of higher learning and

WHEREAS violence and intimidation, particularly by outside groups, threatens the university's environment and mission, and puts the safety of our community at risk;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the TTU Faculty Senate stands against racism and discrimination in any form, particularly by white nationalists, white supremacists, neo-Confederates, neo-Nazis, and other hate groups.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the TTU Faculty Senate condemns any attempt to use Texas Tech University spaces to promote racism and/or bigotry, particularly using intimidation and/or violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the TTU Faculty Senate reaffirms the faculty's commitment to creating an environment on campus where all people are free to express their ideas and assert their opinions, recognizing that hate speech, intimidation, and physical violence stifle free speech and debate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the TTU Faculty Senate gratefully acknowledges the TTU President's statement of August 21, 2017 denouncing racism and hatred. The Faculty Senate asks that the Texas Tech University administration continue to publicly denounce any attempt by hate groups to use Texas Tech University space as a platform for their ideas. It also asks said administrators to protect the safety of the campus community from any group that aims to use violence and intimidation on campus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Chancellor Duncan, TTU Board of Regents Chair Francis, President Schovanec, and Provost Galyeon.