



## A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING TROLLING

**WHEREAS** Trolling is a practice where an instigator targets a specific individual and encourages a group of followers to send hostile, offensive, threatening, and intimidating messages to the target's social media, often hiding behind false internet identities, with the intention of overwhelming the target's social media with hateful messages; and

**WHEREAS** The question of whether one has a right to speak is a separate question from whether the speech produced has value and, in fact, the basic purpose of free speech is to allow errant or damaging ideas to be challenged, and

**WHEREAS** Free speech demands a mutual respect for those you disagree with and a genuine dialogue rather than harassment intended to silence others; be it therefore

**RESOLVED** That the Academic Senate of California State University, Fullerton condemns trolling as inconsistent with our policies and core values, including, among others, (1) UPS 100.006, "A commitment to civility..."; (2) UPS 300.000, "Student Rights and Responsibilities," and especially the introductory phrase "Our colleges and universities bear a special obligation to serve as exemplars of respect for individuals"; (3) our University Mission and Goals, particularly the recognition that our "diversity serve[s] as a distinctive resource and catalyst" where we strive "To create an environment where all students have the opportunity to succeed"; (4) Strategic Plan Goal #2 which includes "a commitment to the success of all students, including those from historically underrepresented groups"; (5) Strategic Plan Goal #3 that codifies a commitment to "cultivate an environment that honors differences in various forms – race, ethnicity, gender, age, (dis)ability, sexual orientation, religious or political beliefs and status within the University"; (6) the statement made in the CSU Chancellor's Executive Order 1095, that "The California State University (CSU) is committed to creating and sustaining an educational and working environment free of Sex Discrimination, Sexual Harassment...The safety and well-being of our Campus communities is a priority for the University"; (7) ASD 17-140 "Resolution in Continued Support for Campus Dreamers"; (8) ASD 17-102 "Resolution in Reaction to the Distribution of Racially Insensitive Materials"; (9) ASD 17-23 "Resolution in Support of Current H-1B Employment"; (10) ASD 16-162, "Resolution in Support of Undocumented Students"; and

**RESOLVED** That the Academic Senate strongly encourages the CSUF campus community to respectfully engage rather than troll those they disagree with; and be it further

**RESOLVED** That the Academic Senate encourages all to use their own voices to advance ideas in manner that engages rather than silences, and congratulates all who have engaged in civil dialogue before and in reaction to this appearance; and be it further

**RESOLVED** States unequivocally our support for our transgendered, undocumented, homo- and bi-sexual, Jewish, Christian, and Muslim campus members, and indeed for all of our campus members regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age, (dis)ability, sexual orientation, religious or political beliefs; and be it further

**RESOLVED** That the CSUF Academic Senate distribute this resolution to:

- CSU Chancellor
- CSUF President
- Academic Senate of the CSU
- California Faculty Association (CFA)
- Department Chairs at CSU, Fullerton

Source: Executive Committee