



Resolution in Support of Protecting the Academic Freedom of California State University, Fullerton Faculty

Whereas the Academic Senate at California State University, Fullerton encourages all academic standards to equip students to be knowledgeable in all areas that will prepare them to understand and positively impact their future communities; and

Whereas the Academic Senate is proud of our University's critical role in preparing California's and, specifically, Orange County's teachers who take seriously their responsibility to prepare all students who will live, thrive, and contribute, to a diverse, complex, and ever-changing world by constructively engaging and critically analyzing multiple ideas and perspectives; and

Whereas the Academic Senate of CSUF encourages teaching and learning that emphasizes critical inquiry, discovery, and innovative pedagogies aimed towards the betterment of all individuals and communities; and

Whereas a well-rounded education protects the right to have respectful, free, and open discussions in schools, colleges, and universities, including discussions on Critical Race Theory (CRT), and that this freedom of thought and expression must be preserved; therefore, be it

Resolved that the Academic Senate of CSUF strongly affirms that educators, not elected officials, should make decisions about teaching and learning, and therefore rejects the inappropriate and uninformed political attacks on any pedagogical approaches, including Critical Race Theory, and in doing so, it supports academic freedom in its broadest sense; and be it further

Resolved that the Academic Senate of CSUF endorses the critical value of educational integrity in our teacher preparation programs and, by extension, the work of our graduates teaching in the preK-12 educational system; and be it further

Resolved that the Academic Senate of CSUF congratulates the College of Education and its programs for their leadership in grounding their curriculum, and instruction in academic standards rooted in diversity, equity, inclusion, social justice, race and gender theories, cultural studies, and human decency; and be it finally

Resolved that this resolution be distributed to:

- CSU Board of Trustees,
- CSU Chancellor,
- CSU campus Senate Chairs,
- CSU Provosts/Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs,
- California Faculty Association (CFA),
- California State Student Association (CSSA),
- Orange County Board of Education,
- Orange County School District Boards,
- Orange County School Councils,
- California Board of Education