

Faculty Senate Resolution #16-64

Approved by the Faculty Senate: November 1, 2016

Approved by the Chancellor: not applicable

Resolution on Freedom of Speech

Whereas, the first amendment to the United States Constitution recognizes individuals' right to free speech; and

Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States has affirmed the right to free speech even when some may find it outrageous; and

Whereas, the university is a place dedicated to fostering the free and open exchange of ideas; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate of East Carolina University supports the exercise of constitutionally protected free speech in the broadest possible spectrum of time, place, and manner consistent with established jurisprudence; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate of East Carolina University opposes any attempt to prevent or inhibit constitutionally guaranteed free speech;

Be it resolved that the Faculty of East Carolina University affirms unambiguously each student's constitutionally guaranteed right to free speech and strongly condemns any acts of violence or intimidation, verbal or otherwise, directed at students or other members of the ECU community in response to the exercise of their constitutionally guaranteed right to free speech.