

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

RESOLUTION 6-13-19

Pertaining to Free Speech Expression on Campus

WHEREAS, There have been "banned" speech events on several campuses, which have raised questions about the status of free speech on American university campuses; and

WHEREAS, The free speech policy statement produced by the Committee for Freedom of Expression

WHEREAS, Faculty Senate adopted a Resolution on April 4, 2019 (the "Resolution") regarding Free Speech Expression on Campus and forwarded the Resolution to Interim President John Green ("Interim President Green") for a consideration and response; and

WHEREAS, Interim President Green forwarded the Resolution to the Office of General Counsel, which reviewed and approved the Resolution as to legal form and sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Interim President Green also forwarded the Resolution to the Office of Academic Affairs, which sent the Resolution to University Council for its consideration and response; and

WHEREAS, The University Council endorsed the Resolution by unanimous vote at its meeting on May 28, 2019, and

WHEREAS, Interim President Green now has forwarded the Resolution for consideration by The University of Akron (the "University") Board of Trustees (the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, The Board firmly supports academic freedom and free speech on campus and has incorporated those ideals into University Rule 3359-44-01 and in Article 9, "Academic Freedom, Rights, and Responsibilities" in the collective bargaining agreement between the University and the Akron Chapter of the American Association of University Professors; and

WHEREAS, The Board agrees with the ideals expressed in the Resolution; Now, Therefore,

