

**FACULTY SENATE**  
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**Norman Campus**

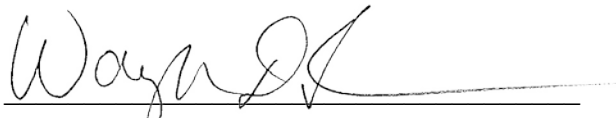
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**STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO RECENT EVENTS AT OU**

**Approved November 14, 2016**

It is vitally important at this moment for the university community to reaffirm our commitment to the core values of our institution and unify in their defense. One of these values is the recognition that diversity is a source of our strength as a university community and as an institution of higher education. We, as a university, strive to create and preserve an inclusive environment in which the pursuit of learning, the creation of art and knowledge, and the impetus to serve our society is equally available to all members of our campus. Toleration of hate speech and bigotry on our campus is antithetical to this goal. The OU Faculty Senate condemns such speech and action on our campus. We urge everyone—faculty, students, and staff—to speak out and report when they encounter it, and we express strong support for the rapid response by President Boren. The Faculty Senate strongly encourages faculty to communicate this resolution to all members of the OU community.

Cases of hate speech or threats to members of our community should be reported immediately to OUPD or the office of Equal Opportunity. Reports can also be made to the 24/7 Reporting Hotline at 844-428-6531.



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OU-NC Faculty Senate Chair, 2016-17