STATEMENT ON REGENT HUMPHREYS RECENT COMMENTS

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We the members of the Norman Campus Faculty Senate of the University of Oklahoma strongly condemn the recent comments by OU Regent Kirk Humphreys calling homosexuality wrong and equating homosexuality with pedophilia. His statements do not reflect the views of the OU Faculty Senate, nor the values of the OU community, which are stated in OU’s non-discrimination policy.* Regent Humphreys’ statements seriously erode our confidence in his ability to fulfill his duties as a Regent of this university in a fair and competent manner. Therefore, we call on Regent Humphreys to resign from the OU Board of Regents.

The Norman Campus Faculty Senate is committed to inclusivity, and we fully support our LGBTQ community. We encourage the OU community to support all students, faculty, and staff. Let us continue to work toward making the University a truly inclusive community.

* “The University does not discriminate or permit discrimination by any member of its community against any individual based on the individual’s race, color, religion, political beliefs, national origin, age (40 or older), sex (see Sexual Misconduct, Discrimination and Harassment policy at https://www.ou.edu/content/coo/policies.html), sexual orientation, genetic information, gender identity, gender expression, disability, or veteran status in matters of admissions, employment, financial aid, housing, services in educational programs or activities, or health care services that the University operates or provides.”

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