

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Professor Candace Barrington

President of the University Senate

FROM:

Jack Miller

President

RE:

Faculty Senate Motion Number FS10.11.005R

End Harassment of Community Artists

DATE:

May 4, 2011

Having received the Resolution Number FS10.11.005R, I've taken a bit of extra time before responding. I realize that the Resolution requires no response from me other than to note it, but I did want to say something more.

First, I clearly believe in the freedom of expression and that our University is a place where that needs to be protected. I have tried steadfastly to be a supporter of that freedom of expression. My problem with this Resolution is that no one is willing to come forward and help us identify whether or not the alleged events have occurred. We have offered several resolutions which involve minimal effort on the part of anyone involved. Yet no one is willing to help us even identify whether or not the alleged incident occurred. Absent the ability to confirm the incident, it is certainly not possible for us to take further action to prevent the possibility of any further intervention. Thus, I am left with nothing to do other than to say, I continue to support freedom of expression on our campus, not only in terms of speech, but in art forms as well.

Hopefully, this past event has now gone on without further incident.

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Attachment