

Faculty Senate Statement of Support for Diversity

In light of the recent examples of discriminatory activity and hate speech that have occurred on campuses across the country including our own, the Faculty Senate at Wichita State University seeks to make clear its strong support for diversity and inclusion.

We condemn, in no uncertain terms, any discriminatory speech or activities based on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, marital status, national origin, political affiliation, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or status as a veteran. The harassment, demonstrations of hate and acts of violence being perpetrated across the country have no place on our campus. As a public institution whose priority is education, every student is welcome and guaranteed equal rights, freedom of expression and protection from discrimination. Faculty and students have a right to hold and express their opinions; however, this does not give license to coercion, threats or intimidation. The Faculty Senate strongly rejects any behavior intended to frighten and terrorize. We are committed to and strongly value a community of diversity, learning and free speech.

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