



Associated Students of Fullerton College Resolution

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Resolution on defusing hostile environments on campus.

WHEREAS: Members of the public and students going on campus to exercise their right to free speech have caused panic, distraction, and formed crowds for years at Fullerton College. It is necessary to take action against those who wish to wrongfully exercise their right to free speech on campus to invoke violent confrontation with and/or distract other students from their academic pursuits. [1] [2]

WHEREAS: It is well documented that the presence and exposure to hateful speech in college communities increases the amount of stress that college students exhibit. It is in the interest of Fullerton College to ensure that the student body's mental health is protected when a member of the public exercises their right to free speech to belittle or enrage students. [3]

WHEREAS: In accordance with NOCCCD Board Policy 3900 and Administrative Procedures 3900, Fullerton College should ensure that they are protecting "student health and safety" and "preventing substantial disruption of the learning environment and the orderly operation of [its] campuses." This implies that the school and by extension Fullerton College staff act on behalf of students when a situation arises where a member of the public creates an environment on campus that prevents students from focusing on their academics. [4]

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Associated Students and Behavioral Health Services work together to curate a Hate / Free Speech Toolkit as a resource for students to utilize if and when hate speech occurs on campus. The Toolkit will serve as a defuser, to prevent any possible physical violence from occurring between students and those engaging in hate speech.

RESOLVED, Associated Students will regularly organize A.S. Healing Forums as a rapid response to future events of hate speech. A.S. Healing Forums welcomes all students to use this time and space as an opportunity to debrief about the situation, provide resources, share how

Fullerton College can help, and inform students of their rights. Additionally, Associated Students recommends and supports increased visibility and accessibility of on-campus counselors and therapists the week of occurrence and at A.S.-hosted healing forums.

RESOLVED, Fullerton College and the North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD) Board of Trustees work together to revise Board Policy 3900 (BP 3900) and Administrative Policy 3900 (AP 3900). Considering that the definition of Hate Speech given at the Free Speech Open Forum presentation by Kai Stearns Moore, District Director of Public and Government Affairs is “written or spoken communication that belittles a group based on its characteristics, such as race, gender, or sexual orientation”, the revisions should specify what constitutes hate speech on campus, what happens when hate speech occurs, and also clarify the difference between hate speech and free speech.

Citation 1:

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<https://fchornetmedia.com/24060/showcase/opinion-listen-up-colleges-hate-speech-is-free-speech/>

Citation 3:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7500692/>

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