

RESOLUTIONS 2018

Following are the resolutions received. Four were consent agenda items. The last one was came from the NACCS Board

1. Defending Academic Freedom on all College and University Campuses
2. Establishing Ethnic Studies as a Graduation Requirement in California High Schools
3. University/College Sanctuary policies Resisting Anti-Immigrant Discourse and Federal Immigration Policy
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1. Defending Academic Freedom on all College and University Campuses¹

Northern California foco; No budget implications

WHEREAS: Since the presidential election of 2016 extremist political groups have increased their presence on college campuses under the guise of ‘freedom of speech’ subsequently compromising the careers of several faculty members.² This latest form of intellectual assault has become embedded on numerous campuses.

Chicana/o/x-Latina/o/x faculty in particular continue to face inside and outside threats detrimentally impacting the classroom environment, the disruption of professional careers, and at times their safety³;

WHEREAS: Academic Freedom is the central pillar to institutions of higher education. In accordance with the American Association of University Professors statement on academic freedom⁴, colleges and universities across the nation are taking a stand against attacks by extremist political forces. Yet, many higher education institutions have not been prepared for repressive attacks on its faculty;

WHEREAS: Politically motivated attacks on professors across the nation and against college and university faculty have increased with the intent of producing a chilling effect on teaching, learning, service, and research. Faculty engaged in matters of race, class, gender, LGBTQIA+, indigenous, and immigration studies have become targets of right-wing motivated groups, individuals, donors and legislators;

WHEREAS: That the NACCS Board defend the integrity of the pedagogical principle of academic freedom for all its members, empower students, staff and faculty by defending their right of academic freedom;

WHEREAS: Dr. Ponce has been targeted by right-wing conservative and extremist individuals and groups for his on-campus presentation regarding the political system and white supremacy, which has since gone viral. Dr. Ponce has endured physical threats and harassment via social media, telephone, and email⁵; and

WHEREAS: The Northern California Foco champions academic freedom by spreading awareness of the ongoing coordinated assaults on the integrity of intellectual production of knowledge and teaching will continue to increase if colleges and universities do not defend academic freedom;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That by April 30, 2018 the NACCS Board in cooperation with the Northern California Foco state its nationwide college and university support for the AAUP Policy on Academic Freedom in a letter embracing the “1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure with 1970 Interpretive Comments”⁶;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the NACCS Board write a letter of support on behalf of Albert Ponce, Professor of Political Science at Diablo Valley College (Pleasant Hill, CA) denouncing any attempts by any external political groups or individuals, donors or lobbyists to influence college administration or any legislative member or body to limit or question the pedagogy and academic freedom of our faculty; and That the NACCS Board post the statement on its webpage.

¹ Original content based on Professor Albert Ponce’s spring 2018 campus resolution document. Explicit permission was granted to reproduce words, language, and content.

² See for instance: Campus Reform <https://www.campusreform.org/> or Breitbart News Network <http://www.breitbart.com/>

³ For example, the social media cite *Film Your Marxist Professor* <https://www.facebook.com/FilmYourMarxistProfessors/>

⁴ Accessed on March 21, 2018 <https://www.aaup.org/our-work/protecting-academic-freedom>

⁵ Accessed on April 4, 2018 <https://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2018/04/04/590928008/professor-harassment>

⁶ Accessed on March 21, 2018 <https://www.aaup.org/file/1940%20Statement.pdf>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That NACCS, through Focos and Caucuses, take a lead role in advocating that their respective college/university campuses provide faculty rights training to protect students, staff, and faculty threatened by extremist individuals and groups;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The NACCS Board denounces any attempts by any external political groups or individuals, donors or lobbyists to influence college administration or any legislative member or body to limit or question the pedagogy and academic freedom of our faculty; and

BE IT FURTHER REOLVED: That the NACCS Board post their resolution on its webpage.

2. Establishing Ethnic Studies as a Graduation Requirement in California High Schools

Northern and Southern CA focos; No budget implications

WHEREAS: On March 1, 1968 more than 15,000 students from high schools in Los Angeles walked out of their classrooms to protest systemic racism and inequity in their public schools and 50 years later, many of the same issues persist as the cultures and histories of students of color are often not reflected in the curriculum;

WHEREAS: California has one of the largest and most diverse student populations in the nation where students of color account for over 71 percent of the student population, with more than 90 languages spoken in district schools;

WHEREAS: Requiring ethnic studies to be taught in high schools is an integral part of cultivating a classroom environment that is accepting of diversity;

WHEREAS: It is vital for young people to learn about their history and important for students of color to feel that they can contribute to their communities in positive ways;

WHEREAS: California's Assembly Bill 2772 mandates ethnic studies as a high school graduation requirement beginning in the 2021-22 school year and adds the completion of a course in ethnic studies based on the model curriculum to the high school graduation requirements in social studies commencing with the 2023–24 school year;

WHEREAS: The Northern California FOCO supports AB 2772 and the efforts of all California school districts and locals in making ethnic studies a graduation requirement; and

WHEREAS: The Northern California Foco is compelled to express the urgency of establishing an ethnic studies graduation requirement in California schools, noting also the rapidly rising xenophobia, religious intolerance, and interpersonal and institutional racism in schools and in society;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That by April 30, 2018 the NACCS Board state its support for implementing a standardized ethnic studies curriculum in high schools in California and nationwide via the writing of a letter of support for AB 2772, in cooperation with the Northern California Foco, to California Assembly Members Medina, Weber, and Bonta.

3. University/College Sanctuary policies Resisting Anti-Immigrant Discourse and Federal Immigration Policy

Northern California foco; No budget implications

WHEREAS: University/Campus Sanctuary policies protecting immigrant students, faculty, staff and administrators are effective and critically needed public policy statements on our campuses;

WHEREAS: Sanctuary policies are a necessary bold statement showing support for immigrant communities on our campuses at a time when over one million people are living in fear of deportation due to Trump cancelling Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for many countries;

WHEREAS: Sanctuary policies create a consistent protocol for dealing with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) inquiries;

WHEREAS: Now, more than ever, it is important to have a consistent protocol dealing with ICE inquiries and visits on our campuses;

WHEREAS: Sanctuary policies hold campuses and their boards accountable for providing protection to immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS: Model Campus Safe Zone Resolutions have been developed to assist campuses with language addressing the critical issues of

- Limiting the sharing of student information with federal immigration authorities

- Restricting immigration agents' access to campuses
- Prohibiting campus security from collaborating with federal immigration authorities for the purposes of enforcement
- Providing resources and information for immigrant students and their families.

THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED: That Foco and Caucus leaders, whose campuses do not have an existing sanctuary policy, work with campus faculty leadership on their campuses to share the National Immigration Law Center (NILC) model resolution listed below or other existing policies to use as templates for a Resolution on their campuses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Foco and Caucus leaders take a lead role in advocating for the designation of their college/university campuses as safe zones that will protect students, staff, and faculty threatened by immigration enforcement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That particular emphasis be placed on the President/Chancellor preparing an implementation plan defining partnerships with community organizations and training and support for campus employees and students to ensure rapid response and effective coordination and a report back to their governing Board within 90 days to ensure implementation of the resolution/policy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the NACCS Board write a letter of support to campuses working for the passage of Sanctuary Policies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the NACCS BOARD list all NACCS affiliated Foco and Caucus campuses and their resolution/policy statements on its webpage.

4. In defense of academic freedom and freedom of speech for Professor Abdulhadi, Palestinian scholar-activists, student-activists, and their allies

Indigenous Caucus; No budget implications.

Whereas NACCS is an association of community members, activist, and scholars for Chicax struggle and scholarship in contestation of heteropatriarchal racial capitalism, settler-colonialism, chattel slavery, and imperialism;

Whereas NACCS stands in solidarity with communities in struggle that contest and go beyond various projects of heteropatriarchal racial capitalism, as well as racist, capitalist, and/or heteropatriarchal oppression;

Whereas NACCS manifest solidarity by responding to the Palestinian call to support the boycott of Israeli academic institutions as manifest through a resolution in 2015;

Whereas Palestinian faculty, student-activists, and alumni have been consistently defamed and antagonized at San Francisco State University, most recently by a frivolous lawsuit filed by the Lawfare Project, disparaging fliers posted around the SFSU campus by the Horowitz Freedom Center, and by an email from President Wong declaring Zionists are welcome at SFSU;

Whereas the persistent defamation and antagonism of Dr. Abdulhadi, Palestinian student-activists, alumni and their allies is part of a broader pattern whereby right-wing Zionist organizations target scholars and students at university campuses in order to silence criticism of the state of Israel;

Whereas NACCS upholds a commitment to academic freedom, which is particularly important for the critical questions, methodologies, and knowledge produced by scholar-activists within Chicax Studies;

Whereas the same lawsuit that smeared Dr. Abdulhadi's reputation also made an unsubstantiated claim that the creation of the College of Ethnic Studies at SFSU was seminal in creating an alleged anti-Semitic environment at SFSU;

Whereas at stake are the gains made within the university by social movements - the College of Ethnic Studies won by the Third World Liberation Front, and various branches of Ethnic Studies, such as the political and intellectual traditions represented within Chicax Studies;

Whereas a capitulation to this lawsuit would set a dangerous precedent, whereby outside groups pressure universities into undermining our profession and critical traditions of thought, such as Chicax Studies;

Whereas Zionist organizations and right-wing groups that have targeted Palestinian scholar-activists and student-activists have also targeted Chicax professors and student-activists;

Whereas a broad base of groups in civil society, ranging from groups inside and outside of the academy, and across racial and ethnic lines, have publicly supported Dr. Rabab Abdulhadi, her academic freedom, her reputation, Palestinian student-activists, their allies, and their freedom of speech;

Whereas this same broad base of groups has also publicly condemned the lawsuit, posters, and other forms of antagonism that aim to repress criticism of the state of Israel and Palestinian liberation struggles;

Whereas all expressions of Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, racism, anti-Queer discrimination must be absolutely condemned, and all charges of such must be evidenced-based;

Therefore be it resolved that the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies calls on San Francisco State University President Leslie Wong and California State University Chancellor Timothy White to remain prepared to conduct a vigorous and principled legal defense against this lawsuit, at no cost to Dr. Abdulhadi and others listed, as well as refuse to settle this lawsuit in anyway that concedes to any of the disparaging charges listed;

Be it further resolved that we call on SFSU President Wong and CSU Chancellor White to make a public statement that defends the academic freedom and intellectual reputation of Prof. Abdulhadi, by clearing her name of the baseless attacks against her, as well as the academic freedom, freedom of speech, and reputations of faculty, staff, and students that have similarly disparaged;

Be it further resolved that we call on SFSU President Wong and CSU Chancellor White to publicly admonish all forms of hate speech, including anti-Arab racism, anti-Semitism, and Islamophobia, and to take all the necessary actions to stop hate speech on your campus;

Be it further resolved that we call on SFSU President Wong and CSU Chancellor White to pursue efforts to prosecute as a hate crime the individuals responsible for repeatedly posting the fliers on campus that defame Prof. Abdulhadi, GUPS (General Union of Palestine Students) and SFSU advocates for justice in Palestine;

Be it further resolved that we call on SFSU President Wong and CSU Chancellor White to end the hostile and unsafe work and study environment against Arabs, Muslims and Palestinians, at SFSU campus that intimidate, bully, silence and police scholarship, teaching and campus protest activists by faculty, staff and students;

Be it further resolved that we call on SFSU President Wong and CSU Chancellor White to publicly explain the circumstances that led to President Wong's statement welcoming Zionists to SFSU, taking into serious consideration the concern it caused faculty and students targeted by Zionists;

Be it further resolved that we call on SFSU President Wong and CSU Chancellor White to publicly clarify that President Wong's statement welcoming Zionists in SFSU does not absolve Zionism as philosophy or state practice from critique, nor does it exempt it's proponents from peaceful protest;

Be it further resolved that we call on SFSU President Wong and CSU Chancellor White to build AMED studies as a viable and stable program with tenure track faculty, operating budget and full time staff;

Be it further resolved that we call on SFSU President Wong and CSU Chancellor White to publicly demonstrate moral and financial support for the AMED Studies program and the College of Ethnic Studies at SFSU, and defend their fundamental role in the SFSU educational mission; and

Be it finally resolved that this resolution shall be publicly communicated to CSU Chancellor White, SFSU President Wong, and to NACCS' membership by the NACCS Board - effectively immediately.

5. Modifying the Treasurer Position on NACCS Board

Whereas, it is important that NACCS have financial stability to allow for accurate reporting and transparency;

Whereas, the current two year term does not allow sufficient time for the learning curve and to ensure continuity in financial reporting to occur;

Whereas, the treasurer works with the board, the Focos and Caucuses to transmit financial reports;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the NACCS Board be modified to change the Treasurer to a position similar to the Chair-Elect by creating a Treasurer-elect position which alters the term of the Treasurer to a three year term with the actual election being designated, for one (1) year as Treasurer-Elect succeeding a two (2) year term as treasurer;

Be it Further Resolved, that at the end of the Treasurer's two year term they will have 120 days following the end of the fiscal year to complete the fiscal year reports.

Be it Further Resolved, that to begin the proposed cycle, the current treasurer will remain in the position for a third year and the newly elected Treasurer will be designated the first Treasurer-Elect;

Be it Further Resolved, that the election for the Treasurer-Elect shall occur every other year;

Be it Further Resolved, the By-Laws will be changed to incorporate the treasurer-elect position as follows;

Article IV: National Board

The composition of the National Board shall be the Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, [Treasurer -Elect](#),

Immediate Past Chair, three At-large Representatives, and the Executive Director. The Board is charged with the responsibility for the governance of the Association.

All National Board members must maintain good standing within the Association during their term of office, must be active within a Foco or Caucus, must be knowledgeable of the Association and its bylaws, and must promote the general welfare of the Association. The National Board shall oversee and implement all of the Associations' policies and procedures. It may establish committees as needed to implement recommendations and resolutions from the membership.

Article V: Officers, Terms of Office, and Duties

Section 3: Treasurer-Elect

The membership shall directly elect the [Treasurer-Elect](#). Elections for the Treasurer – Elect shall take place every other year. The Treasurer-Elect shall work with the Treasurer and the Executive Director to become familiar with the duties of the Treasurer. In the second year in office the Treasurer-Elect succeeds into the position of Treasurer. **At the end of the Treasurer's two (2) year term the Treasurer will have 120 days following the end of the fiscal year to complete the fiscal year reports.**

To be eligible to run for this office, a candidate for [Treasurer- Elect](#) must: (1) be a member in good-standing, (2) have been a member continuously for the previous four (4) years before assuming office, (3) have had significant, active participation in NACCS, (4) have made a significant, active contribution to Chicana & Chicano Studies, and (5) have contributed to advance the interests and needs of the Chicana & Chicano community. This person cannot hold more than one National Board position in NACCS at the same time. The person may be re-elected to serve consecutively in this office one time. A viable candidate must have experience and knowledge of financial reporting using excel or other similar software.

Article VI: Election of Officers

All national officers of the Association, with the exception of the National Chair, [the Treasurer and](#) Immediate Past Chair, shall be elected directly by the membership, in such a manner as the National Board shall decide to maintain diversity across geography, gender and sexuality, and membership classification.

A Nominating Committee, consisting of the Past-Chair, the Executive Director and select members of the National Board, will solicit and vet nominations to build the election slate. The general membership shall vote prior to the Annual Conference. The new officers will be announced at the Annual Conference and also in the post-conference newsletter.

And be it Further resolved, the cost implications to the National organization are: 1) the cost of two meetings among the Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect and the Executive Director: 2) travel cost associated for the mid year meeting.