

A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, TO ESTABLISH AN EMAIL SYSTEM FOR THE PRESENCE OF HATEFUL SPEAKERS ON CAMPUS AND NEARBY

WHEREAS: Northern Kentucky University (NKU) has the responsibility as a public institution to adhere to the first amendment and protect the speech of everyone, even those whose agenda contradicts our core values, and

WHEREAS: The Free Expression Policy states, “Northern Kentucky University recognizes the essential place of free expression in a democratic society, as well as an educational community’s need to cultivate responsible avenues and means for free expression,” and

WHEREAS: The campus has experienced the presence of speakers and demonstrations with a hateful agenda that oftentimes targets marginalized students, and

WHEREAS: This type of targeted speech can interfere with students’ daily activities by hindering their route to class, inducing anxiety, and making them feel that they are not safe or accepted at NKU, and

WHEREAS: In extreme cases, disruptive speech can turn violent on campus and in the surrounding area after the event, such as the incident in Charlottesville, Virginia in August of 2017, and

WHEREAS: The capacity of students to develop a sense of belonging within their college is a critical factor determining student retention, according to Standardized administrative data collected by the St. Louis Community College system, and

WHEREAS: NKU strives to connect and educate students on diversity and inclusion. One of our core values is to “be a community that embraces INCLUSIVENESS, diversity, and global awareness in all dimensions of our work,” and

WHEREAS: NKU can implement those values with a warn, define, and remind model. With this model we can effectively warn students of the presence of such hateful speakers, define our core values and our separation from groups who do not reflect those values, and remind students that they belong here, and

WHEREAS: An email system would be an effective implementation of this model and should be sent every time a hateful speaker or group is on campus or in the nearby area, and

WHEREAS: The email would contain all elements of the warn, remind, and define model as well as relevant campus and community resources, and

WHEREAS: The university should decide who would be best fit for sending out the email, and

WHEREAS: We recommend the creation and advertisement of a phone line dedicated to reporting the presence of these speakers to ensure a quick response.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, ON THIS Choose an item. DAY OF Choose an item. Choose an item. THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY HEREBY REQUESTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EMAIL SYSTEM FOR THE PRESENCE OF HATEFUL SPEAKERS ON CAMPUS

Signed: _____

Sami K. Dada, President

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