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23 February 2012

To: **The University Senate**
From: **University Senate Advisory Committee**
Subject: **Reaffirmation of Campus Policies for Appreciating Cultural Diversity and for Free Speech with Respectful Dialogue**
Disposition: **University Senate for Approval**

WHEREAS: There have been graffiti displays on campus recently that are disrespectful and offensive to several cultural, ethnic and/or political groups within our diverse Purdue community

WHEREAS: President France Córdova has issued a letter to all students, faculty and staff condemning these displays and reminding us all of Purdue's commitment to inclusiveness and our tradition of fellowship and mutual respect

WHEREAS: The administration is working to identify ways to educate the broader community and to honor and celebrate all of the diverse cultures that make up Purdue

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Purdue University Senate reaffirms the views of President Córdova that encourage an atmosphere of tolerance for the diversity of opinions and a respect for the diversity of all cultures within our Purdue community. Specifically, the Purdue University Senate is opposed to all expressions of racial, ethnic, religious or cultural bigotry.

Further, the Purdue University Senate encourages the faculty to recognize they have special responsibility, through their words, actions and deeds, to foster the spirit of tolerance and respect within the Purdue University community.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Purdue University Senate,

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