

UNIVERSITY SENATE
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Introduced by: Committee on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Expression, and Community Responsibility (CAFFECOR)

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RESOLUTION ON ATTACKS ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

WHEREAS The SUNY Board of Trustees has defined the policy of academic freedom at SUNY institutions, such that the University must support academic and professional faculty to do their research, teaching, and service in face of attacks on academic freedom, including cyberbullying on social media (i.e., Twitter, Facebook) and;

WHEREAS social media have become major venues of academic expression; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University at Albany should thoroughly investigate attacks on academic freedom, using the most modern technology, and with the assistance of the City of Albany Police Department and the Albany County District Attorney's office, and other campus resources, to support academic and professional faculty when their academic freedom comes under attack from any source from within or outside the University, or when such attacks jeopardize the faculty member's position or ability to do their work, and by not placing the onus of investigation upon the victim, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University makes resources and training available for everyone (including UPD and Human Resources) as to how to handle harassment and attacks of this nature.