

Arts & Sciences Faculty Senate Executive Committee January 16, 2017

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE ARTS & SCIENCES FACULTY SENATE ENDORSING A DAY OF RESISTANCE ON INAUGURATION DAY FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017

WHEREAS, Donald Trump has been elected President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the election campaign and continuing strategies of the President-Elect were and are based on divisive language that legitimizes the targeting of vulnerable persons and communities based on race, religion, sexuality, nationality, gender, citizenship status; on a willful disregard of the historical and scientific record; on a willful undermining of fact-based inquiry and knowledge; on the undermining of civil rights; on the passive acceptance and active encouragement of such; and

WHEREAS, this is antithetical to our purpose as faculty committed to liberal arts education and scholarship; as faculty engaged in furthering respect and appreciation for diverse ideas, languages, cultures, and peoples; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Departments of Sociology, Art and Art History, American Studies, English, Dance & Theatre, Philosophy have either endorsed a Day of Resistance on Inauguration Day 2017 and/or will be participating in activities related to it, and will be assuring and/or making arrangements with their students in order that they will not be penalized should they decide to join the Day of Resistance and not attend classes or hand in assignments that day; and

WHEREAS, organizations including the American Civil Liberties Union, Planned Parenthood, the Southern Poverty Law Center, World Can't Wait, and others will be engaging in a Day of Resistance on Inauguration Day 2017; and

WHEREAS, organizers will be using this day to gather people to prepare for the multiple acts of education, organization and resistance that will likely be required over the next four years; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mānoa Arts & Sciences Faculty Senate endorses campuswide participation in a Day of Resistance, and invites the Deans of the Arts & Sciences to stand behind a Day of Resistance on Inauguration Day 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mānoa Arts & Sciences Faculty Senate invites the All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs (ACCFSC) to introduce resolutions endorsing a Day of Resistance on Inauguration Day 2017 by its respective constituencies; and

BE IT FINALY RESOLVED, that the Mānoa Arts & Sciences Faculty Senate invites the University of Hawai'i System Administration, the Mānoa Administration, and the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents to stand behind a UH System-wide Day of Resistance on Inauguration Day 2017.