

FACULTY COMMENTS REGARDING THE ARTS & SCIENCES FACULTY SENATE VOTE ON THE J20 DAY OF RESISTANCE RESOLUTION (January 2017).

The Resolution passed –
80.4% of faculty voted Yes;
5.1% Abstained;
14.6% of faculty voted No

- Please stress that this is a day for AFFIRMING shared values first, and resisting/opposition second...
- This seems to me to be a vote about what one thinks the new president and his enterprise are GOING TO DO. Let us wait to see what they actually DO.
- I object to the theme of resistance. At this point in time, what is it that we are resolving to resist? I prefer to make a positive statement that the University of Hawaii supports diversity...
- Even though I strongly oppose the Donald and what he represents, I do not believe the A&S Faculty Senate should get involved in national politics.
- This was a legal election. We have to live with it. A proclamation by a university faculty should focus on illegal or inhumane activities. And I think this kind of empty expression, with no real action, is feeding into the type of attention that bullies enjoy
- Thank you for the initiative.
- Go
for it
- UH is a tax payer funded, public university with the core mission of teaching and research. Given that many Hawaii taxpayers are Trump supporters (about 30% by Hawaii election day vote), faculty substitution of protest for teaching during scheduled class time seems highly inappropriate if not illegal.
- I am NOT a Trump supporter. What I do strongly support is this public, tax-payer funded university adhering to its core mission. Of course, UH faculty and staff are free to protest as private citizens on their own time and dollars.
- Thank you for your guidance and leadership over this. I look forward to the event on Jan. 20.
- Donald J. Trump has exhibited ample evidence that he is utterly unfit to occupy the office of President of the United States of America, and the Cabinet he has nominated is a gallery of revanchists and profiteers actively hostile to the health and safety of our nation. NOT to resist is morally untenable. We must revise our curriculum for January 20 to educate ourselves and our students about the real danger our nation is facing.
- There has been no similar event, that I'm aware of for any other president-elect. Also, this event slaps the face of students, faculty, and staff who support conservative perspectives and perpetuates the notion that the University is a liberal indoctrination institution.
- Thank you *so* much for organizing the resolution and Day of Resistance!! In solidarity!
- I appreciate the activities around civic engagement that are planned.

- I'm glad that faculty and students at UHM are motivated to respond to the destruction that Trumpism promises!
- Give peace a chance!
- Unless the entire campus participates, it's useless to have a day of resistance!
- When State power falls into the hands of a bad leader, it is very very difficult to compensate for. That leader can awaken through empowerment the evils within our society and in our own persons. As Denmark showed under the Nazis, resistance can succeed and can save lives --- we need to understand why the other occupied nations did not offer such resistance, and understand that resistance will require at time great courage.
- We should not stop at just one day. But it is a start. It's going to be a long 4 years.
- I agree with the views expressed but would prefer a more balanced and inviting conversation about the fissures in our culture, rather than a rally that will simply get us labeled as out of touch left-wing radicals.
- I would like to see as educators open a dialogue on how to address these pressing issues, not preach to the choir.
- All power to the soviets!
- Nothing for the Resolution itself. But I wanted to thank the executive committee for working on behalf of A&S faculty.
- I strongly support the resolution and believe it is our duty as educators to stand up for free speech, rational thinking, and compassionate treatment of fellow humans.
- Let's resist the neofascist Trump administration!
- I oppose the Resolution because it is a symbolic gesture at best that will garner headlines only in Hawaii.
- What we need is to safeguard our government, and culture, from the tyranny that lies ahead!
- Our beloved President Bill Clinton was elected via the Electoral College, while losing the popular vote, and came from racist beginnings, and remains a lifelong misogynist and rapist.
- When the academy embraces all viewpoints along the political spectrum it will gain credibility and a moral standing. Right now only liberal voices are allowed.
- This is a day to celebrate the office not the person occupying the office.
- It would be very helpful to have materials available to instructors who want them, so that we can clearly explain why this is important, and so that we can empower students to think critically for themselves as we enter this era of unprecedented obfuscation of facts. Even something as simple as a list of discussion points would be useful.
- While one can sympathize with the concerns of this "movement," it is clearly being led by a group of people who only represent a minority of the University community in the way that they view the world and feel appropriate to act and speak. To take but one of many possible examples that could be mentioned, the mocking images of the "threats" on the J20 website do not represent the approach that (I would hope) most of the educators at this University think that one should employ when engaging with people who have different ideas and/or beliefs than one's own. Those images demonstrate a serious lack of respect, and a refusal to accept diversity, a value which this movement professes to uphold.

- Ultimately, this movement's rhetoric and ideas are little more than a liberal equivalent of Trump's tweets. As someone "in the middle," I find both to be equally distasteful and unacceptable. The way forward is to bridge divides, not to perpetuate them.
- Doing our jobs well and providing the students the education for which they are paying are the best means of displaying our values, resisting forces arrayed against us, and avoiding giving our opponents further ammunition to use against us. The University would do well to represent itself and our voices at the national level by sending representatives to such meetings as the National Humanities Alliance, etc. to advance our causes, protect our interests, and engage constructively with an elected government that we are most likely going to have to live with.
- Very glad that we are doing this.
- Would be better without the misspelling included in bold letters.
- I fully agree with most of the resolution, particularly with calling attention to the willful ignorance of science and rational thought displayed by virtually all of the Trump people. I don't agree with a General Strike of the university, so at least for myself, I will also be at work trying to fulfill the few responsibilities I have on Friday. But I'll try to get out to the teach-in planned in my college and perhaps some other activities.