

1.01 F20: Oxnard College Academic Senate Resolution in Support of the Black Lives Matter social movement

Whereas, We have witnessed the violent assault and deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Sandra Bland, Botham Jean, Trayvon Martin, Tamir Rice, Jacob Blake, Feras Morad, and too many other victims of racial violence to name;

Whereas, Continued attacks on Black bodies are only the most recent examples of four hundred years of systemic racism and oppression against Black, Indigenous, and other people of color in the United States; that this legacy of white supremacy and terrorism continues to threaten the health and safety of our students;

Whereas, The Oxnard College Academic Senate pledges a commitment to ending systemic, institutional and all forms of racism in order to provide an inviting and safe collegiate community with core values of diversity, integrity, equity, and respect for all people;

and Whereas, As faculty we have a responsibility to uphold the fundamental values of the Declaration of Independence; we have a responsibility to ensure our campus maintains these values and we must embody them in our interactions with all members of our community;

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Oxnard College Academic Senate declare that Black lives matter and affirm that all people of color deserve to be treated with respect, dignity, and equality on this campus and in our community;

Resolved, That the Oxnard College Academic Senate condemn any behavior or practice that denigrates or endangers Black, Indigenous, and people of color and reject individual, systemic, and institutional racism on campus and in our community; and

Resolved, That the Oxnard College Academic Senate support behavior and practice that promote anti-racism, freedom, equity, and justice on campus and in our community.