



UNK Faculty Senate Resolution

Whereas the University of Nebraska at Kearney, as a part of the University of Nebraska system, serves students from throughout the state through its educational programs, research and creative activities, and public service, and contributes to the social, cultural, and economic development of the state, and particularly Greater Nebraska, and

Whereas the University of Nebraska at Kearney is committed to efficient and effective administration of resources— human, financial, and physical/infrastructure—to ensure long-term institutional fiscal stability and environmental sustainability, and

Whereas the University of Nebraska at Kearney is an academic community that pledges to protect and foster a climate of rigorous intellectual inquiry, unfettered exchange of ideas, and mutual respect— inside and outside the classroom— that is grounded in the principles of academic freedom and academic responsibility, and

Whereas, the UNK Faculty Senate, as the Faculty Governing Agency in accordance with Regents Bylaws 2.12.1, is assigned the responsibility to advise and consult with administrative groups on matters of general concern which include budget and institutional planning and to provide for the protection of academic freedom, *therefore presents the following resolutions:*

Be it resolved that the University of Nebraska at Kearney Faculty Senate extends its support to its sister institutions of the NU system in the necessary critique of the current fiscal crisis, both as it reflects a national trend of decline for public education and in terms of deliberations of the budget for the University of Nebraska.

Be it resolved that the University of Nebraska at Kearney Faculty Senate extends its support to its sister institutions of the NU system in the declaration that the NU system is composed of a large community of diverse peoples with diverse viewpoints and that this community and institution is committed to the pursuit of truth, to the inherent value of open discussion, and to the fundamental values of democracy and free expression.

Be it resolved that the University of Nebraska at Kearney Faculty Senate, as the official voice of the UNK faculty, condemns any political or legislative initiatives which by design or oversight undermine the University mission of service to the people of the state of Nebraska and the integrity of the academic community.

Be it resolved that the University of Nebraska at Kearney Faculty Senate recognizes the efforts of those serving in the legislature who have shown strong support for higher education and, in particular, the NU

System, and we look forward to continued shared efforts to ensure the fiscal health and well-being of the University so that it may better serve the needs of the state's citizens, and therefore:

Be it resolved that the University of Nebraska at Kearney Faculty Senate, pledges to work alongside the UNK administration to insure the fiscal and academic health and well-being of the University in the best interests of the citizens of the state of Nebraska.

Adopted,
University of Nebraska Faculty Senate
December 7, 2017