Resolution on Free Speech and Inclusion Lake Tahoe Community College Academic Senate Passed Unanimously by the LTCC Senate on 22 September 2017

Whereas the Lake Tahoe Community College Academic Senate promotes a positive learning environment and culture; and

Whereas that environment and culture are based on open-mindedness, critical thinking, inclusion, tolerance, equity and respect, and

Whereas the right to freedom of speech is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution for the United States of America.

Therefore be it resolved that while free speech is protected and at the core of our college, we will not tolerate racist, sexist, homophobic, or any other forms of discriminatory language or behavior. Hate speech and other such language or behavior, as defined in Lake Tahoe Community College Board Policy 5500 - Standards of Student Conduct, will result in Disciplinary Sanctions or Actions, as stated in Administrative Procedure 5520 - Student Discipline Procedures.

Furthermore be it resolved that the LTCC Academic Senate reaffirms its commitment to promote respect for and acceptance of all members of our college community.