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**ACADEMIC COUNCIL
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A university community is a privileged arena for the free development and fearless exchange of ideas. Disagreements inevitably arise, but the way to resolve them is through persuasion by reasoned argument. Threats of violence or efforts to intimidate are not acceptable as forms of persuasion anywhere, least of all within the University. We regard it, therefore, as a breach of collegiality for a faculty member either to engage personally in threatening behavior or to counsel other constituents in the University to exert undue pressure by insulting, intimidating, coercing, or threatening individual faculty on controversial issues.

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