ACADEMIC SENATE
Resolution 23/24-02

Censure of President and Provost &
Creation of Task Force

WHEREAS academic freedom, open discourse, and the right of all to
express their views are central values of the University;

WHEREAS the faculty play a vital role in University governance, especially
on matters related to academic freedom, open discourse, and free
expression;

WHEREAS campus events over the last several months related to the
conflict in the Middle East have attracted considerable attention,
including the ban of a professor from campus; cancellation of a
valedictorian’s address; cancellation of Commencement activities;
campus protests; and removal of protesters from campus;

WHEREAS there is widespread dissatisfaction and concern among the
faculty about administrative decisions and communication related to
these events;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Senate censures President Folt and
Provost Guzman for the actions and decisions made related to the events
described above;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Academic Senate endorses the
immediate creation of a task force to investigate these events and the
associated administrative decisions and communication, and to provide a
public report of its findings by September 15, 2024; and calls on the
President of the University to cooperate fully with the task force’s
investigation.

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