

## Resolution in support of students

Whereas, the Linn-Benton Community College Faculty wish to maintain a free exchange of ideas in a cohesive community environment; and

Whereas, there has been a recent documented rise in hate-motivated harassment, vandalism, violence, and protest, including cases in Oregon and at institutions of higher learning in the United States; and

Whereas, our community has been affected by rhetoric that targets immigrants, Muslims and other religious minorities, people of color, LGBTQ people, women, people with disabilities, among others; and

Whereas, our students have expressed concerns about their physical safety, their ability to live and study in this country, and their future prospects; and

Whereas, the Linn-Benton Community College Faculty strive for the educational success of ALL students;

Be it resolved, the Linn-Benton Community College Faculty reaffirm that:

- We will continue to provide opportunities for all residents of Linn and Benton Counties to pursue their educational goals; and
- We will continue to ensure that students receive the academic and emotional supports necessary for them to remain engaged in their college experience; and
- We will guard, whenever possible, against hostilities directed at our students; and
- We will remain committed to promote respectful dialog that includes people from diverse backgrounds and political views; and
- We will continue to work for the success of every student of every race, citizenship, religion, sexual orientation, gender, (dis)ability, and political viewpoint.