

November 20, 2016

Dear Colleagues:

On November 9, 2016 President Fuller sent an email to the campus community affirming his commitment, and our campus commitment, to inclusion and safety on our campus. In that email he wrote: “I ask that you reach out to all members of our campus community and recommit ourselves to providing an inclusive safe campus for all. Western will remain committed to providing opportunity for all of our students, faculty and staff to feel safe and supported.”

We urge the Faculty Senate to endorse President Fuller’s full statement contained in his November 9 email. We also ask the Faculty Senate to request that the administration take actions to make the Western Oregon University campus a sanctuary campus. In this latter action we will join many other college campuses, including the Faculty Senate of the University of Oregon, President Ed Ray of Oregon State, and the Cal State University Campuses in declaring sanctuary.

The University of Oregon Faculty Senate action calling for a sanctuary campus <http://senate.uoregon.edu/2016/11/15/notice-of-motion-declaring-uo-a-sanctuary-campus/> involved a request that the administration take action “to the extent legally possible” in eight areas involving campus safety. The U of O document also references a 2011 internal memo from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/ero-outreach/pdf/10029.2-policy.pdf> that emphasizes discretion in sensitive areas, including university campuses and another 2011 ICE memo emphasizing prosecutorial discretion for university students <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/secure-communities/pdf/prosecutorial-discretion-memo.pdf>

Respectfully submitted,

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