

UNT Faculty Senate Resolution in Support of the Transgender Community

Whereas the Faculty Senate of the University of North Texas serves as a voice for the faculty of the University of North Texas; and,

Whereas the faculty at an institution of higher education are charged with the humanizing mission of helping everyone learn so that they can fulfill their potential; and,

Whereas as public servants it is the duty of the faculty to safeguard the conditions of equality that make such learning and growth possible; and,

Whereas an attack against the humanity of any Texan is an assault on our vocation and our missions in higher education; and,

Whereas one of the core values of the University of North Texas is that we are Better Together and shall foster an inclusive environment of respect, belonging, and access for all; and,

Whereas Texas is a wonderfully diverse state and transgender Texans add to this diversity in countless ways; and,

Whereas transgender Texans deserve the same civil rights and human dignity as everyone else and should be free to lead their lives, free to express their gender identity, and free from persecution, marginalization, and dehumanization; and,

Whereas that the Faculty Senate of the University of North Texas feels a special obligation to stand in solidarity with the transgender community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Faculty Senate of the University of North Texas unequivocally offers our unwavering support to all transgender people at UNT and across Texas; and, be it further

Resolved that the Faculty Senate of the University of North Texas upholds transgender rights, safety, self-determination, and respect; and, be it further

Resolved that the Faculty Senate of the University of North Texas remains committed to supporting all members of our transgender community, recognizes the contributions of our transgender members, and requests the UNT community to create an inclusive, welcoming, and supportive campus environment.

Submitted by the Committee on the Status of LGBTQ+ Faculty to the Faculty Senate on April 12, 2023.