

Faculty Senate Resolution on Political Neutrality on Campus

The social and political landscape is rapidly evolving. Universities are increasingly confronted with navigating the challenge of fostering open discourse while balancing diverse ideological perspectives. As an institution, the University of Oklahoma has committed to being a place for free inquiry, debate, and discourse, as outlined in the Chicago Principles. Therein, the Faculty Senate is committed to fostering an environment where a broad spectrum of viewpoints can be discussed respectfully and thoughtfully.

The University of Oklahoma Faculty Senate hereby affirms that the pursuit of knowledge must remain evidence based and independent of political ideology. Our commitment to political neutrality is not an abdication of values but a deliberate and necessary stance to ensure that scholarly inquiry, teaching, and research flourish in an environment free from the biases of political agendas. We believe that the most robust education arises from the free exchange of ideas—a community of thought where every perspective is considered solely on its intellectual merit.

By upholding these principles, we recommit ourselves to a legacy of unbiased education and research, ensuring that the University of Oklahoma remains a beacon of fair, balanced, and thoughtful engagement in research, teaching, and service.