

Idaho State UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

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Statement of Unity

from ISU Faculty Senate

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The Idaho State University Faculty Senate, as the representative voice of faculty at Idaho State University, endorses the ASISU United We Stand resolution and the United in Support statement issued by President Arthur Vailas. As faculty representing a wide diversity of backgrounds and experiences, we see ISU as a place where thousands of people work daily to create a safe, supportive, diverse, and welcoming learning environment for all students.

We wholeheartedly condemn all acts of intolerance, hatred, intimidation, discrimination, and criminal behavior aimed at members of our campus community. We wish to reaffirm our support to ensure a safe and secure educational environment for all students and focus on ways to improve an inclusive, equal opportunity experience. We express our sadness to those community members affected by such bigotry. We see such acts as a clear and present threat to the principles of free thought, creativity, inquiry, and expression which form the core of our institution's beliefs, values, and daily operations.

We commit ourselves to do all within our power to continue to make ISU a safe center for teaching and learning for all who come here. We resolve in the days ahead, as a Faculty Senate, to determine solutions and support efforts to enhance understanding of tolerance and respect for all students. Specifically, we resolve to sponsor forums for discussion, provide workshop opportunities to engage faculty and student discussion, and develop an inclusive agenda to address these issues.