

Resolution 1617 – FA– 003

A Resolution Condemning Acts of Hate, Violence, or Intimidation

Approved at the CGS Delegates' Meeting Nov. 18 2016

WHEREAS The Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is the representative body for all students enrolled in graduate programs at The Ohio State University (established by Article II.I of the CGS Constitution); and,

WHEREAS CGS fully supports diversity and inclusion of all people, regardless of their age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, visa/immigration status, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or veteran status; and,

WHEREAS in his November 10th communication to the University community President Michael V. Drake reminds us that a university exists to create knowledge, explore ideas, and welcome diverse opinions in an atmosphere that is open, collegial, and safe for all Buckeyes; and,

WHEREAS President Drake also reminds us all that The Ohio State University is strong because it is an inclusive, welcoming, and a safe place for people and ideas from all corners of our society and all around the world; and,

WHEREAS in the days since the 2016 election there have been troubling reports of mental, physical, and verbal assaults on people of all ages at institutions across the country, including our own campus;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, while supporting each person's constitutionally protected rights, the Council of Graduate Students condemns any acts of hate speech, violence, or intimidation of any kind expressed towards any member of our community;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that CGS refers our fellow graduate students to the following resources should they need help:

The Ohio State University **Counseling and Consultation Service** (CCS) is available for any students who need support during this time. CCS is available at <http://www.ccs.osu.edu> or (614) 292-5766. CCS after hours, a support service offered 24/7, can be reached by calling the phone number and pressing option 2.

The **Bias Assessment Response Team** (BART) at Ohio State University defines a bias incident as any act or behavior motivated by the offender's bias against age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Incidents that occur any place on campus can be reported. Students can visit <http://go.osu.edu/bias> for more information. We strongly encourage any student who has witnessed, suffered, or survived an incident of bias to report it at <http://studentlife.osu.edu/bias/report-a-bias-incident.aspx>