Resolution on Academic Freedom—Faculty Resolution No. 06-07-01

WHEREAS, the faculty recognizes and supports the principles of academic freedom;

THEREFORE, the faculty adopts the following statement:

Under the principles of academic freedom, the Professor has the right to discuss in the classroom all issues, however controversial, that the Professor considers relevant to the subject. This right carries with it the responsibility to consider controversial issues objectively. While the Professor has the right to present conclusions to which the evidence points, the Professor has the responsibility to acknowledge the existence of, and to show respect for, other viewpoints, including opposing viewpoints.

Outside the classroom, the Professor has the right as a private citizen to speak and act freely on controversial issues. This right carries with it the responsibility to be accurate, to exercise appropriate restraint, to show respect for the viewpoints of others, and to make every effort to indicate that he or she is not speaking for the College.

To preserve these principles of academic freedom, the Palo Verde College Board of Trustees and College administration shall demonstrate their support by actively maintaining and defending academic freedom.

Date: March 27, 2007

Motion to Approve Resolution by: Brian Thiebaux

Motion Seconded by: Robert Robertson Approved by Vote: Unanimous

Peter Martinez, President

Palo Verde College Academic Senate

Recording Secretary

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