

RESOLUTION ASA09-25

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

WHEREAS, Shawnee State University, as an Ohio state institution of higher education, is committed to the following principles:

- The University will educate students by means of free, open, and rigorous intellectual inquiry to seek the truth;
- The University's duty is to equip students with the opportunity to develop the intellectual skills they need to reach their own, informed conclusions;
- The University is committed to not requiring, favoring, disfavoring, or prohibiting speech or lawful assembly;
- The University is committed to creating a community dedicated to an ethic of civil and free inquiry, which respects the autonomy of each member, supports individual capacities for growth, and tolerates the differences in opinion that naturally occur in a public higher education community; and
- The University's duty is to treat all faculty, staff, and students as individuals, to hold them to equal standards, and to provide them equality of opportunity, with regard to those individuals' race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees declares its commitment to the above principles, and directs the President or his designee to ensure that a statement of commitment to these principles is posted on the University web site; alongside the University's mission statement in any place in which the mission statement appears, including when it is published or posted; in any solicitations and offers of admission to students; and in any offers of employment to faculty.

(June 27, 2025)