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A Resolution in Response to Hate at Macalester

WHEREAS acts of hate are and continue to be perpetrated on Macalester campus;

WHEREAS these incidents inflict harm on many individual members of the Macalester College community and the community as a whole;

WHEREAS the Macalester College Student Handbook includes language concerning hate incidents as an affront to the entire community;

WHEREAS the campus policy on hate speech is currently unclear, and the student body seeks clarification;

WHEREAS the student body feels dissatisfied with the current way Administration handles acts of bias; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that Macalester College Student Government calls for the adoption of a definition of hate speech and policies regarding punishment for individuals found to have committed acts of bias on campus;

RESOLVED that the student body wants acts of bias to continue to be publicized, through the daily campus email and campus safety alerts, using specific language to describe the act;

RESOLVED that faculty and staff should be encouraged to attend trainings about addressing acts of bias, including but not limited to trainings already offered by the Department of Multicultural Life;

RESOLVED that Macalester College should work to institutionalize trainings for students around acts of bias, similar to SEXY Training and Dirty Training, either during New Student Orientation or within the first few weeks of classes;

RESOLVED that dialogues surrounding acts of bias should continue on campus between faculty and staff and the student body;

RESOLVED that the student body should be included in the above-mentioned decision-making processes.