



**House of Student Representatives
107th Session
Texas Christian University**

Introduced By:
Mikea K. Jackson

H.R. 107-02

Date: October 12th, 2020

Action Taken: _____

1 **“A Resolution to Support the Implementation of a Zero Tolerance Policy**
2 **and Harsh Sanctions Against Hate Speech”**

3 Whereas: The Student Body Code Title 2, Chapter 1 states that the mission of the Student
4 Government Association is “to enrich the experience of our constituents by
5 developing and considering legislation, providing funding, and advocating on
6 behalf of the student body,” and

7 Whereas: This provision requires that SGA advocate for the interests of all undergraduate
8 students, including those in marginalized groups, and

9 Whereas: The mission of Texas Christian University is “to educate individuals to think
10 and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community,”
11 and

12 Whereas: Texas Christian University has made a commitment to promoting Diversity,
13 Equity and Inclusion by publicly stating “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
14 initiatives are a key part of TCU’s core values”, and

15 Whereas: Fulfilling TCU’s mission to develop ethical leaders and critical thinkers in a
16 global community depends on the university’s ability to attract and retain
17 students, faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds and create a community
18 that allows them to thrive, and

19 Whereas: A diverse and inclusive campus leads to innovation, broadened perspectives
20 and understanding – values that are foundational aspects of higher education,
21 and

22 Whereas: Hate speech is in direct conflict with a diverse and inclusive campus, and

23 Whereas: Currently, the Code of Student Conduct does not possess a definition of hate
24 speech or provide information regarding sanctions for individuals who engage
25 in hate speech, and



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26 Whereas: The Code of Student Conduct and other documents governing the campus
27 community should include disciplinary sanctions in regard to the usage of hate
28 speech

29 Whereas: The United Nations defines hate speech as “any kind of communication in
30 speech, writing or behavior, that attacks or uses pejorative or discriminatory
31 language with reference to a person or a group on the basis of who they are, in
32 other words, based on their religion, ethnicity, nationality, race, color, descent,
33 gender or other identity factor.”, and

34 Whereas: Hate speech has historical context and power within “American” institutions, and

35 Whereas: Hate speech continues to perpetuate the marginalization of historically
36 marginalized populations. The Student Government Association nor Texas
37 Christian University should condone the usage and non-restriction of hate
38 speech and,

39 Whereas: In accordance with TCU’s mission statement and commitment to DEI, hate
40 speech has no place at TCU; therefore,

41 Let it be resolved by the House of Student Representatives at Texas Christian University:

- 42 (1) That the Student Government Association supports the addition of hate speech to
43 the list of prohibited conduct outlined in the Code of Student Conduct.
- 44 (2) That the Student Government Association supports the implementation of a zero-
45 tolerance policy regarding violations of the hate speech provision in the Code of
46 Student Conduct both on and off Texas Christian University’s campus.
- 47 (3) That the Division of Student Affairs, including Campus Life in consultation with
48 the Student Government Association, develops disciplinary sanctions for
49 individuals in violation of the University’s hate speech section of the Code of
50 Student Conduct.
- 51 (4) That the minimum sanction for a violation of the Code of Student Conduct in
52 relation to hate speech be suspension from Texas Christian University and
53 expulsion for any offense thereafter.



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54 (5) That the relevant sanctions will be added to the Code of Student Conduct and
55 publicly announced to the campus community by administration.

CC: Chancellor Victor Boschini, Vice Chancellor Kathy Cavins-Tull, Dr. Michael Russell

Certified By: _____

Speaker of the House

Duly Approved: _____

Student Body President