



Wayne State University
Student Senate
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Resolution 2324-07

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*A resolution to establish and recognize **respect** as a core value of the Wayne State University community and show overall collaboration in all aspects of the university.*

THE WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE ENACT:

WHEREAS, Students choose to attend a University based on many factors outside of its academic programs. These may include (but are not limited to) school spirit, athletics, its social scene, and cultural and ethnic diversity. Therefore, many other students also choose to attend a university based off of their core values and views on the world, and the university's ability to prepare them for the post-graduation world and workforce; **AND,**

WHEREAS, The Wayne State University community, including students, faculty, and staff, come from a variety of backgrounds, cultures, and lived & shared experiences; **AND,**

WHEREAS, Wayne State University prides itself on being a robust urban research institution where respectful exchange of thought and opinion is valued and encouraged inside and outside of the classroom; **AND,**

WHEREAS, Currently, the core values of the university are as follows:

- Collaboration,
- Integrity,
- Innovation,
- Excellence,
- Diversity and Inclusion, and
- Leadership¹; **AND**,

WHEREAS, When students attend a university such as Wayne State, they want to feel as though their thoughts, opinions, and feedback are respected and not automatically shut down within an academic institution; **AND**,

WHEREAS, Our core values ⁽¹⁾ extend to all that engage with our community as an urban, public, and open campus; **AND**,

WHEREAS, A goal of higher education is to prepare those whom are a part of the institution, for the post-graduation world, where we seek to improve the status of how adults in this world interact and exchange intellectual thought²; **AND**,

WHEREAS, If the core value of respect is instilled in our everyday life and the pedagogy of what it means to be a Wayne State Warrior, it can help to shape and allow our world to prosper and grow towards world peace & success; **AND**,

WHEREAS, This institution is in an era of change and review of our own practices, including what are our values and how have our current values changed over time since they were initially enacted; **AND**,

WHEREAS, Respect is one term that is not explicitly included in the core values that Wayne State University prides itself on and is shown to overall increase the performance, outcomes, and experience within an academic institution when respect is a priority³ ; **AND**,

WHEREAS, Within the first year of a new university President, President Kimberly Andrews Espy, Ph.D. it is even more important to reevaluate the values and the way that those values are portrayed within our campus community; **AND**,

WHEREAS, We, as members of the academic and educational world, will often face opposition or challenges to our statements and core ideologies. Without respect, there is no longer the free exchange of ideas and ideologies, including in the classroom and in an academic setting; **AND**,

¹ <https://wayne.edu/about/mission#:~:text=Our%20values%3A%20How%20we%20work>

² Gamage, K. A. A., Dehideniya, D. M. S. C. P. K., & Ekanayake, S. Y. (2021). The Role of Personal Values in Learning Approaches and Student Achievements. Behavioral sciences (Basel, Switzerland), 11(7), 102. <https://doi.org/10.3390/bs11070102>

³ International Center for Academic Integrity [ICAI]. (2021). The Fundamental Values of Academic Integrity. (3rd ed.). www.academicintegrity.org/the-fundamental-valuesof-academic-integrity

WHEREAS, We, as student senators, but more importantly, as students, call on our faculty and administration to truly reevaluate what it means to foster respect within the classroom and beyond. Through collaboration between the Student Senate, Academic Senate, and University leadership, these changes can occur and we will be more readily equipped to have WSU students enter the world more prepared than ever to handle tasks big and small, with respect and integrity; **AND,**

RESOLVED, The Wayne State University Student Senate, in coordination with the Office of the President, seeks to add *respect* as a core value on the official Wayne State University webpage and all official communication that cites our values and attempt to express what it means to be a Wayne State University Warrior; **AND,**

RESOLVED, The Wayne State University Student Senate seeks to launch a period of review of our values and indeed, what makes our campus community a unified body, through internal and external evaluation of our university's goals and vision as a higher education institution; **AND,**

RESOLVED, The Wayne State University Student Senate, in collaboration with faculty, staff, and administration, to be considered as the current values and perspectives are within the scope of our university; **AND,**

RESOLVED, The addition of *respect* as a core value of the university, the values will be shown as follows:

- Collaboration,
- Integrity,
- Innovation,
- Excellence,
- Respect,
- Diversity and Inclusion, and
- Leadership; **AND,**

RESOLVED, the Wayne State Student Senate recommends to the Academic Senate that, upon addition of *respect* to the official university values, *respect* in an academic setting be formally added to the syllabi template used for all courses offered at Wayne State University.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wayne State University Student Senate will circulate this final resolution to all relevant outlets, including the University President, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Policy Committee of the Academic Senate, the University Leadership Council and The South End.

MOVED to adopt the final statement of action to amend our university's core values as presented by Senator **KHAIMOV** AND **SECONDED** by: Senator **JOHN** on the 7th of December, 2023.

ACTION	<u> X </u>	VOICE MAJORITY	7 Dec. 2023
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FINAL ACTION TAKEN	<u> X </u>	18-0-1	7 Dec. 2023
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VOTE APPROVED BY:



PRESIDENT: Hayden Johnson



SECRETARY: Rabika Ali