

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY – FACULTY SENATE

Read on the Floor of the Faculty Senate meeting of 20 October 2015

Statement from the Faculty – Response to Forum on Sept. 30th

In response to the student-organized Open Forum held on the evening of September 30th, we commend these students for taking the initiative, and raising our awareness of a range of issues of concern present on our campus, and furthering discussion of these topics in the future to affect positive change in our campus climate.

As a faculty, we commit to having a respectful, safe, fair, supportive, and inclusive learning environment in our classrooms, laboratories, libraries, offices and across our campus as a community. We, as a faculty, take our roles and responsibilities very seriously as instructional leaders, advisers, and mentors to students, and commit to having a campus and academic climate that is open, engaged, welcoming of diverse perspectives, backgrounds, religions, identities, beliefs, and opinions.

We further commit to working with the student body and its leaders, University administrators, staff, and other members of the Iowa State University Community to maintain and enhance a safe, welcoming, and academically productive experience for all students.

We welcome the arrival of Dr. Reginald Stewart, our incoming new Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, and look forward to being part of new initiatives that he and his staff develop.

As a faculty, we unite behind the basic principles of inclusiveness, valuing diversity in all of its forms, and the ideal of living in an open, equal, respectful and welcoming community of scholars.