

FACULTY SENATE

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

RESOLUTION TO DEFEND ACADEMIC FREEDOM AT SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Whereas the Faculty Senate of the University of Alabama has an obligation to uphold the principle of academic freedom.

Whereas any threat to the academic freedom of faculty at another public institution of higher learning in Tuscaloosa also threatens the academic freedom of faculty at the University of Alabama.

Whereas Professor Trobaugh is currently a part-time temporary instructor at the University of Alabama and an adjunct professor at Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa, and thus a faculty member at both institutions.

Whereas Article III, Section 2, number 12 of the Senate By-laws empowers the Faculty Senate to take positions on issues involving "faculty relations with the surrounding community" including, of course, the protection of academic freedom.

Whereas Shelton State Community College has violated academic freedom by taking down an art display by Professor John Trobaugh that it had previously approved.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the University of Alabama urges that Shelton State Community College take immediate action to return the display to its original, promised location and thus show the community and the country that it respects the fundamental principles of academic freedom in higher education.

Adopted by the Faculty Senate
The University of Alabama
November 18, 2003