

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate
FROM: Assem Nasr, Executive Committee Chair
Steve Carr, Voting Faculty
DATE: 20 August 2022
SUBJ: Endorsement of Revision to Rachel Barney's Anti-Authoritarian Code of Conduct

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WHEREAS in September 2020 the Fort Wayne Senate approved Senate Document SD 20-2 Endorsement of Rachel Barney's Anti-Authoritarian Code of Conduct; and,

WHEREAS Indiana as of August 2022 now has signed into law Senate Bill I, which establishes a near-total abortion ban endangering the health, safety, and lives of women, girls, and pregnant people in the state; and,

WHEREAS the IU Faculty Councils consisting of representation of Faculties from across all IU campuses have issued a statement calling the legislation "extraordinarily intrusive" in altering the lives of our students "for the worse"; and,

WHEREAS Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has abused the powers of his office by engaging in a flagrantly politicized misinformation campaign targeting Dr. Caitlin Bernard, a faculty member with the Indiana University School of Medicine who, in performing an abortion before SB I took effect, provided access to reproductive healthcare for a pregnant ten-year-old who was raped; and,

WHEREAS the Constitution of the Faculty of Purdue University Fort Wayne grants Voting Faculty powers to recommend policies concerning "student conduct and discipline," as well as the "welfare... of the faculty," and "to present its views concerning any matter pertaining to the conduct and welfare of PFW;" and,

WHEREAS faculty, and the educational process construed more broadly, hold special responsibilities both in upholding basic principles of reasoned discourse and in ensuring and protecting the rights of all who come to a university to pursue an education; and,

WHEREAS, those who attend a university to pursue an education have the right to do so, free from fear, threats of retaliation and harassment, and targeted enforcement by way of unjust laws based purely on identity-driven hatred meant to target individuals simply because of who they are or because they seek or grant access to basic reproductive freedoms and healthcare;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Fort Wayne Senate endorse and adopt a revision to the Anti-Authoritarian Code of Conduct, originally drafted by University of Toronto philosopher Rachel Barney and adopted by this body in September 2020; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fort Wayne Senate urge faculty, staff, students, and other members of the campus community to freely promote and publicize both this document, and the values and behaviors expressed in it, as inherent to the principles, values and behaviors of any academic institution:

Modified from Rachel Barney's Anti-Authoritarian Code of Conduct

(<https://ethics.utoronto.ca/anti-authoritarian-professional-ethics-academics-right-thing-era-trump/>)

1. I will not aid in the arrest, registration, rounding-up, prosecution, or internment of students and colleagues occurring solely based on their politics, religious beliefs, race, ethnicity, orientation, gender expression, or any other basis of identity.
2. I will not aid in the arrest or prosecution of any student or colleague seeking reproductive healthcare including an abortion.
3. I will not aid in the marginalization, exclusion, or deportation of both documented and undocumented students and colleagues, or students and colleagues seeking reproductive healthcare including an abortion.
4. I will, as much as I can, discourage and defend against the bullying and harassment of vulnerable students and colleagues targeted for important aspects of their identity (such as race, gender, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, pregnancy, etc.).
5. I will not aid government or law enforcement in activities which violate the U.S. Constitution or other local, state, or federal law.
6. I will not aid in government surveillance. I will not inform.
7. As a teacher and researcher, I will not allow private or government interests to buy me off or to intimidate me. I will present the state of research in my field accurately, whether it is what the university, local, state, or federal officials want to hear. I will challenge others when they lie.
8. I will not shy away from my commitment to academic values: truth, objectivity, free inquiry, and rational debate. I will challenge others when they engage in behavior contrary to these values.
9. As an administrator, I will defend my students, faculty, and non-academic staff. I will not allow expulsion, firing, disciplining, harassment, or marginalization of individuals targeted simply for who they are, for beliefs they hold, for seeking reproductive healthcare including abortions, or for speaking freely on behalf of those who seek this access. I will speak up for academic freedom. I will insist on the autonomy of my institution.
10. I will stand with my colleagues at other institutions and defend their rights and freedoms.
11. I will be fair and unbiased in the classroom, in grading, and in all my dealings with all my students, including those who disagree with me politically.