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For some reason, I received an error message as if this email didn't reach you so I'm resending. Apologies if you already received it.

Thanks,

Debbie

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From: Debbie Minter <[Redacted]>
Date: July 14, 2021 at 9:50:27 AM EDT
To: Ronnie Green <rgreen@nebraska.edu>, Michael Zeleny <mike.zeleny@unl.edu>
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Non-NU Email

Dear Chancellor Green and Mike,

While Steve Kolbe is traveling, I'm stepping in to facilitate fac senate exec meetings. At yesterday's meeting which Steve was able to attend, the exec committee approved this statement. It will go out today on the senate's faculty list serve later this morning. We wanted to give you a heads-up.

I'm at my parents' house as mom had some minor surgery on her hand. (But at 90, no surgery is minor :). She's doing great but I'm on and off email throughout the day while I help out. At any rate, I'm happy to talk by phone if you have questions. I took my Friday conversation with Mike seriously and tried to convey the range of considerations Mike and I discussed. As you might imagine, faculty are very concerned.

Thanks,
Debbie Minter



FACULTY SENATE OFFICE

July 14, 2021

In response to news reports that the NU Board of Regents will consider at its upcoming August meeting a resolution restricting instruction about critical race theory in university classrooms, the UNL Faculty Senate Executive Committee approved the following statement:

The University of Nebraska remains academically committed to “the right to search for truth, to support a position the searcher believes is the truth, and to disagree with others whose intellect reaches a different conclusion” (NU Board of Regents Bylaws 4.2). The Faculty Senate Executive Committee reaffirms the faculty’s full commitment to academic freedom as stated in Section 4.2 of the NU Board of Regents bylaws. Furthermore, the university’s commitment to diversity requires each of us “to continuously ensure our interactions be respectful, protect free speech, and inspire academic freedom” (<https://diversity.unl.edu/our-core-values-beliefs>). We oppose any action by the Board of Regents, or any of its membership, that places any doubt on this commitment to academic freedom in word, by implication, or for personal gain.

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Steve Kolbe, President, UNL Faculty Senate and Associate Professor, Johnny Carson School of Theatre & Film

