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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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