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The October 30th actions of the Board of Regents are a direct attack on academic freedom and shared governance.

It is the view of the University Senate leadership that the Board of Regents has stepped into making personnel decisions based on suspect motivations. If they can take such action regarding a coach, they can certainly do the same with a faculty member, a staff member, a department or program, or an administrator. This goes to the very heart of shared governance: Who makes decisions on what is best for the University?

The University Senate, as the principal shared governance body of the University, represents a broad and diverse community of faculty, staff, and students, many of whom have expressed great concern over this action. We share this concern. Consequently, the leadership of the University Senate is calling an emergency Special Meeting of the University Senate on the afternoon of Friday, November 2, 2018. At that meeting, we will propose a resolution condemning the actions of the Board of Regents and reasserting the rights of academic freedom and self-governance.

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