

WHEREAS, Collin College began its 40<sup>th</sup> year on April 6, 2024;

WHEREAS, faculty have been a foundational cornerstone of Collin College from its inception, and the faculty's voice has been instrumental in shaping and defining the mission, vision, and successful fulfillment of these goals by the college;

WHEREAS, the faculty as a collective body through various standing and *ad hoc* committees and taskforces<sup>1</sup> have long promoted the highest ethics of the academy, as well as effective communication, unity, cohesion, and student-centered approaches to learning;

WHEREAS, the Collin College Faculty Council, together with administration, has served as the vanguard for academic freedom and promoting academic excellence at the college;

WHEREAS, the Collin College Faculty Council has voiced its vigorous support for safeguarding the principles of academic freedom, concomitant with academic responsibility as detailed in longstanding Board policy, and has demonstrated a commitment to working collaboratively with the administration to ensure that the highest standards of the academy are upheld;

WHEREAS, the faculty have continually demonstrated the value of proclaiming and demonstrating civility through respectful discourse, inviting all in the college community to contribute and listen to one another;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that upon the occasion of a significant anniversary for Collin College, the Collin College Faculty Council, in partnership with administration, reaffirms its commitment to the bedrock principles of academic freedom, entrusting faculty to guide curricular design and direct teaching practices in their respective disciplines; and that Faculty Council also reaffirms its dedication to the pursuit of academic excellence, encouraging all to engage in scholarly work with rigor and integrity while upholding the highest standards of academic inquiry;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faculty Council continues its commitment to work with administration to build and preserve an academic environment where all can learn freely, acknowledging opposing views in a spirit of civil discourse, and fostering a learning community that embraces academic inquiry in accordance with the highest ideals of professional ethics;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faculty Council, in partnership with college administration and the college community as a whole, will continue to embrace the mission and vision of the College, resolving to counter prejudice and intolerance, while upholding the dignity of every person in accordance with Collin College Core Values.

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<sup>1</sup> Key standing committees include Faculty Council (FC), Academic Governance Strategic Planning Council (AGS), Council on Excellence (COE), Online Advisory Board (OAB), Curriculum Advisory Board (CAB), Academic Affairs Advisory Council (AAAC), and the Core Objectives Assessment Team (COAT).