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**Resolution Concerning
NIH and Academic Freedom**

Class C Resolution adopted at the January 29, 2004, Faculty Senate Meeting

The Senate strongly disapproves of attempts to subvert the independence and scientific integrity of the National Institutes of Health's peer review process for research grants. The Senate commends the UW administration for its forthright defense of grants awarded to UW faculty members. The Senate endorses contacts with Washington's Congressional delegation, and collaboration with other universities and national research groups, to defend the right of researchers to investigate critical public health topics that may strike some citizens as controversial. The Senate strongly supports members of the UW community whose grants have been subjected to political attack, and encourages them and other colleagues to continue their good work.

The Senate is concerned that recent pressure tactics against public health grants have been accompanied by other attempts to intimidate students and professors and to restrict freedom of inquiry and expression. The Senate urges members of the university community to protect and continue to exercise their fundamental rights as citizens and scholars.

Approved by:
Senate Executive Committee
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