Resolution #05
1997-98

TO: Dr. Paul Yu, College President

FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on: November 17, 1997

RE: 1. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
     II. Recommendation (Urging the fitness of)
     III. Other (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)
     For your information

SUBJ: Resolution on Academic Freedom

Signed: Anne H. Parsons, Faculty Senate President

TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Paul Yu, College President

RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution
    a. Accepted. Effective Date: __/__/__
    b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on __/__/__
    c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II, III.

(a) Received and acknowledged
    b. Comment:

DISTRIBUTION:

Distribution Date: 12/11/97 Signed: (President of the College)

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Resolution on Academic Freedom

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