

EXHIBIT A



**RESOLUTION REGARDING CAMPUS FREE SPEECH**

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code section 3345.0215 codifies the public policy of the state of Ohio concerning campus free speech and requires the Board to adopt a policy affirming several principles of campus free speech; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the practice of the Board to cause the University to operate in conformity with state law and Ohio public policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the following is adopted as the resolution of the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees:

**RESOLVED:** The Board affirms the principles of campus free speech that are enumerated in Revised Code section 3345.0215(A) (1) through (9). The President (or his delegate) is authorized and directed to incorporate those principles into the University policy register; and

**RESOLVED:** The President (or his delegate) is authorized and directed to amend University policy to create a process by which any student, student group, or faculty member may submit a complaint about an alleged violation of the foregoing principles, or violation of any University policy or state law concerning campus free speech, by a University employee, including any allegation that a student's grade was reduced on account of the student's free speech (rather than on account of ordinary academic standards of substance and relevance, including legitimate pedagogical concerns); and

**RESOLVED:** The process described above shall substantially conform to standards promulgated by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education, and include a process for an impartial investigation of the complaints, and an impartial hearing regarding the allegation.

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 23, 2022  
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