

## University Senate Loyola University Chicago Resolution Re: Freedom of Speech at Senate Meetings Sponsor: Sen. Tisha Rajendra and Sen. Ugo Ukere

Motion on the resolution presented on April 27, 2018 Vote: 16 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 abstention. Resolution PASSED.

## Be It Resolved

Whereas the Senate deals with contentious issues that may lead to warnings from bodies such as General Counsel and University leadership;

And whereas faculty, staff, students and administrators may vehemently disagree on such issues;

And whereas the success of the University Senate depends upon all representatives feeling both empowered to speak and protected in their speech;

And whereas the statement on Academic Freedom in the Faculty Handbook states that "Academic freedom guarantees that the university shall not abridge the right of faculty to speak" (34);

Be it resolved that no Senator - faculty, staff, students, or administrators - should face disciplinary action or suffer adverse consequences including but not limited to denial of tenure, promotion, appointments to committees or administrative positions, raises, research leaves, summer stipends, university awards, dismissal, or disciplinary or other probation, because of their speech in the Senate.

Chair, University Senate