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The Interinstitutional Faculty Senate (IFS) of Oregon asks the University Senate of each of its member institutions to consider and approve the following resolution at its October or November 2015 meeting at the latest.

RESOLUTION: ADDRESSING VIOLENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS

1.0 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Portland State University Senate offers its deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the victims and to the survivors of the Umpqua Community College (UCC) shooting, and to all those whose lives have been directly affected by this tragedy;

2.0 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Portland State University Senate agrees to work with the IFS to address the threat of violence in our schools through means appropriate to our campus;

3.0 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Portland State University Senate supports the efforts of IFS to collaborate with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to convene a statewide conversation regarding violence in our schools, including gun violence, which will lead to meaningful action.

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Comments from IFS regarding the Resolution: Addressing Violence in Our Schools

The Interinstitutional Faculty Senate (IFS) of Oregon accepts its ethical responsibility to represent the faculty in university higher education in our state, and thus, we address a wide range of issues, such as violence in our schools, curricular matters, shared governance, and educational initiatives being considered by the Provost's Council and/or the state legislature.

At our recent meeting at Southern Oregon University (Oct. 9-10, 2015), which followed the shooting at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, the resolution was created and unanimously passed by the IFS for consideration by the University Senates of its member institutions.

At the meeting, the IFS met with Ben Cannon, the Executive Director of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), who agrees that we need to find the best ways to take meaningful action to make our universities safer for our faculty, students, staff, and all members of our learning communities.

During our meeting, Ben Cannon offered to work with us to convene a statewide conversation about violence in our schools, if there is sufficient interest in doing this; the conversation will include faculty representatives from higher education and will be directed toward how we can take meaningful action to address the threat of school violence.

IFS urges the PSU Faculty Senate to seriously consider and approve the IFS resolution so that we may work with HECC to convene this important gathering, which we believe will lead to meaningful action and greater connectivity between our universities as we continue to address the issue of violence on each of our campuses.