

ACFS Letter to Chancellor sent 9/3/24

The BoG's proposed textbook screening policy will create a state database of Jewish courses and subject them to heightened scrutiny relative to courses on other religions. This process is antisemitic. The members of the Advisory Council of Faculty Senate's denounce antisemitism and other forms of bias unequivocally – we will not contribute to it.

Combating antisemitic bias as well as other bias based on protected identities is a top faculty priority. We have proposed the approach advocated for by major Jewish advocacy groups, which is to conduct proactive education and training opposing antisemitism and other forms of bias. Faculty would be happy to work to develop and implement anti-bias programs of this kind at our institutions. This kind of training is the best way to reduce antisemitism and other forms of bias in all contexts in our universities, as in society at large. This would further build on existing processes at our institutions to identify and address instances of bias or discrimination in classrooms. We continue to encourage the BoG to refrain from creating new and onerous course material review policies that impede antisemitism-prevention education.