

Policy Opposing Campus Speech Codes
(approved by the SCA Legislative Council, November 1996)

Resolved, That the Speech Communication Association (SCA) opposes the creation and imposition of any speech codes, codes of conduct, or other regulatory actions that would place any limits on free expression outside the classroom beyond those recognized by the U.S. Supreme Court as valid exceptions to the protections of the First Amendment.

Resolved, That SCA urges all members of the academic community to use their freedom of expression to counter any and all expressions of hate, and to promote a manner of communication that seeks for greater clarity and understanding among those with different opinions.

Resolved, That SCA urges the creation of clear institutional procedures for creating a constructive response to all reported incidents of hateful speech procedures that promote communication which enhances understanding among community members and reinforces the community's commitment to humane values and civil discourse.