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## Faculty Senate Committee on Student Life Resolution Regarding Powelton Village

In view of recent homophobic acts of hatred in Powelton Village apparently by Drexel students,

and in view of the need of our Powelton Village neighbors and our students living in Powelton Village to live in conditions of mutual respect, peace, and safety;

and in appreciation of the diversity of our faculty and staff colleagues and that of our student body,

the Faculty Senate of Drexel University denounces all actions and expressions which demean any person on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, nationality, race or religion.

**Dr. Frederick House, Chair**  
Faculty Senate

**Dr. Arthur Shostak, Chair**  
Senate Committee on Student Life

## USGA Resolution Regarding Harassment in Powelton Village

### RECOGNIZING

That Drexel University is an institution of higher education; and that Drexel therefore has a responsibility as an institution of higher education to prepare its students to be upstanding members of society;

### EMPHASIZING

That Drexel University is undeniably an active part of society, especially Powelton Village, through its geography, employment and civic involvement;

### HAVING SEEN

Recent intolerable events by members and students of the Drexel community including:

- On January 1, 2000, an enraged Drexel student screamed, "N\_\_\_\_\_ers get killed in their own cribs!" smashed many beer bottles, and broke several limbs off an ornamental tree;
- On January 10, 2000, three white, college-aged males repeatedly shouted anti-gay slurs on Winter and Natrona streets and smashed a TV tube lying the sidewalk. They threatened a gay man with physical violence.
- On Feb 10, 2000, a resident of Powelton village discovered a desecrated rainbow flag – torn down, urinated on, and inscribed with four lines of obscene text in the green, yellow, orange, and red color bands: "Kill Gays, Dy\_\_\_s, and F\_\_\_\_ts Burn in Hell."

### LOOKING UPON

That behavior as unacceptable and detrimental to our campus community; and

### APPLAUDING

The work and progress of members of the Straight and Gay Alliance ( SAGA ), as well as certain instructors from the English Learning Center (ELC);

The USGA, representing the Student Body through its elected officers,

### RESOLVES

1. To support the progress of student organizations and members of the Drexel Community.
2. To not condone the recent events of behavior by members of the Drexel Community.
3. To publicize our stance with the hope that behavior will cease.
4. To encourage residents of Powelton Village, which encompasses Drexel students and members of the Powelton Village Civic Association (PVCA), to form a neighborhood watch in the hopes of preventing future incidents.
5. To encourage addition proactive initiatives to prevent future events.

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