

Faculty Senate Coversheet

Resolution/Motion Title: Resolution to Establish a Mutual Defense Compact for the Universities of the Big Ten Academic Alliance in Defense of Academic Freedom, Institutional Integrity, and the Research Enterprise

Faculty Document 3249

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Vote on document: May 5, 2025

Individuals/Committees Consulted: None

Background/Purpose: This resolution is based on one passed by the Rutgers University Senate on March 28, 2025. It calls for the presidents and chancellors of the Big Ten to form a compact for mutual defense. An essentially identical version of this resolution has so far been passed by the faculty senates or councils of: Indiana University, the University of Massachusetts Amherst, the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, the University of Minnesota, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Rutgers University, and the University of Washington, with other shared governance bodies soon to vote on it as well.

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Big Ten Faculty Senate Leaders

A vote in favor of this means your department/district supports the Big Ten presidents and chancellors forming a mutual defense compact.

A vote against this means your department/district does not support the Big Ten presidents and chancellors forming a mutual defense compact.

Meeting Guide

(Can be used to track amendments/changes to resolutions or motions up for consideration)

Main Motion/Resolution Moved: _____ **Seconded**

Discussion (This is where you can ask questions or make comments)

If no further amendments, vote is taken on main motion with amendments if any.

Vote on Main Motion Aye _____ Nay _____

Amendment Moved: _____ **Seconded**

Discussion (This is where you can ask questions or make comments)

Vote on Amendment Aye _____ Nay _____

If aye, amendment now included in main motion. If nay, main motion not amended.

Amendment Moved: _____ **Seconded**

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Vote on Amendment Aye _____ Nay _____

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