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7 **RESOLUTION FOR PROTECTION OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM AT THE**
8 **UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**
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11 **WHEREAS**, recently, under the pressure by the energy industry and state legislators, the UW
12 Officers initiated the premature removal of “Carbon Sink”—artwork that some perceived as
13 being contrary to the economic interests of those who profit from the extraction of fossil fuels;
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15 **AND WHEREAS**, this act of censorship reveals that the UW Officers failed to protect academic
16 freedom;
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18 **AND WHEREAS**, academic freedom is of absolutely essential and non-negotiable importance
19 to the integrity of a public university and to its duty to provide students and citizens with ideas,
20 perspectives, and truths that are at the heart of a vital democracy and an open society;
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22 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming expresses its
23 profound disappointment in the actions of the UW Officers who failed to protect academic
24 freedom;
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26 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate calls upon those empowered to
27 hire the next President of the University of Wyoming to ensure that this individual places
28 academic freedom above political agendas, economic expediency, or other insidious pressures
29 which would undermine the essential nature of what it is to be a public university in service to
30 society.

