

APPENDIX B: Letter in Support of Academic Freedom

January 16, 2018

Dear President Martin & Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees,

Re: Statement of support behalf of the Florida Gulf Coast Faculty Senate:

“In response to President Martin’s November 29, 2017 and January 11, 2018 memos to faculty, staff, and students regarding FGCU’s Sociology Department course “White Racism,” we, the FGCU Faculty Senate, stand by President Martin’s position on academic freedom and the vital role of universities in exploring important social and cultural issues of our times.”

Unanimously approved by FGCU Faculty Senate on January 12, 2018.

Sincerely,

President Dr. Mike McDonald

Cc: Dr. Martha Rosenthal
Dr. Jo Stecher
Mr. Patrick Niner,
Faculty Senate Membership