

## Faculty Senate

### Statement in Response to Offensive 10/9/17 Anti-LGBT Signs

Cleveland State University's faculty was saddened and revolted by anti-LGBTQ+ signs that were posted and that were briefly visible in one of our classroom buildings on Thursday, October 12, 2017. As teachers, we stand with all of our students against attempts to threaten or demean them. As thinkers, we fully and unequivocally reject all forms of hatred and bigotry. Those who posted the signs have expressed views that go directly against the common and cherished values of our University. We want to reassure our students that now, or whenever speakers, demonstrators and those who post incendiary material come to our campus, we are and we will always be committed to students' safety and freedom to learn in tolerant and respectful surroundings. Those posters were vile and reprehensible and do not reflect CSU's values. We do not agree with the posters, and unequivocally condemn their messages. LGBTQ+ students, we stand with you, and will offer any support you need.