

*Freedom in Research*

On May 10, 1989, the Faculty Council of Representatives (forerunner of the current Faculty Senate) adopted a resolution which endorsed the right of faculty to pursue research of their choosing, as long as that research is within the guidelines of scholarly quality, is accessible to all interested scholars and is in compliance with the laws of the land. They recognized that the research of a faculty member may be controversial from the moral, ethical, sociological or political viewpoint of others and therefore a faculty member should not be seen as implicating others in the university. Likewise, those who oppose research of a particular kind should be free to express their opposition to it.

Individual faculty members are encouraged to speak out on behalf of a fellow faculty member's academic freedom, either individually or through the Faculty Senate and its committees. Further, the provost, in response to this action, has asked the dean of faculty to provide the strongest support for faculty who are threatened or harassed, on the campus or elsewhere, because of research or other scholarly activities. Threatened or harassed faculty should seek assistance through the Dean of Faculty.