



principles expressed in the Board's Statement on Free Expression, appropriately address unlawful conduct, and do not unlawfully restrict or ban protected speech.

- € Each state university shall certify to the Board Governance Committee, by June 30, 2021, that the university has completed these reviews and have either completed or are in the process of completing any required



And though we value civil behavior and believe all members of our campus communities have a responsibility to promote and maintain a climate of civility and mutual respect, the Board, and by extension the Universities they govern, cannot use a desire for civility and respect as the basis to silence expression. The Board and the Universities should empower, enable and encourage students to speak and listen and to do so respectfully, rather than interfere with or silence their protected expression of ideas.

We also recognize, however, that some speech is not protected, such as true threats, incitement to imminent violence, “fighting words,” and unlawful, targeted harassment. The Board and its Universities can restrict speech that is not protected by the First Amendment, though it is important

