Open Letter on Core Values - November 2016

(This is the text of an open letter posted to the OSULP website on November 23, 2016 in the wake of the 2016 Presidential election.)

The OSU Libraries and Press Library Faculty and Staff would like to echo the statement made by the OSU Faculty Senate:

“In the wake of Tuesday’s historic election, many OSU community members have expressed fear for their own or others’ rights, safety, and wellbeing. The faculty of Oregon State University at this moment reaffirms our commitment to “uplift the dignity of those with whom we interact,” to “create a nurturing campus community,” and to build a “just, inclusive, and equitable campus.” We rededicate ourselves to preparing students to engage constructively in an increasingly diverse and complex society by teaching empirical, ethical, and critical reasoning, appreciation of multiple perspectives, and social and environmental responsibility.”

OSU Libraries and Press remains committed to our core values including:

- Access: We endorse and advocate the open exchange of information.
- Civility: We create safe environments for discourse within our community.
- Diversity: We recognize, promote, and value the differences within our organization and community.

We continually strive to demonstrate these values to our students, staff, and faculty and promise that OSU Libraries will continue to provide a space for intellectual exploration, critical questioning, privacy protection, and physical sanctuary.

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