



GSA Bill #2

A bill to support new University statements on Academic Freedom

1 **WHEREAS**, the Graduate Student Assembly is designed to represent the interest of
2 graduate students in all research and teaching endeavors; and,

3 **WHEREAS**, academic freedom is a basic tenet of scholastic research and teaching that
4 should be explicitly adopted and support by all institutes of higher education; and,

5 **WHEREAS**, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln was placed on the AAUP Censure List
6 after a violation of a graduate student and lecturer's, Courtney Lawton, academic freedom and an
7 ad-hoc committee was created appointed by the previous Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic
8 Affairs Donde Plowman to develop new University guidelines to define and better protect
9 academic freedom in teaching and research; and,

10 **THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, that the GSA will express support for the adoption of
11 these statements as the University's updated position and willingness to protect academic freedom
12 for all individuals engaging in higher education activities.

Submitted by	President Ratcliff	DATE	08/27/2019
Referred to	Assembly	DATE	09/03/2019
Committee action	Not applicable	DATE	
Floor action	Adopted by voice vote	DATE	
Presidential Signature	President Ratcliff	DATE	