

A Resolution in regard to Ohio House Bill 597

Whereas science is a basis of our modern technological society and economy; and

Whereas a scientifically educated citizenry is critical to the future of this State of Ohio and of these United States of America; and

Whereas scientific thinking and scientific processes are at the core of science; and

Whereas those scientific processes revolve around the testing of scientific theories through the comparison of their predictions with data, leading to the rejection or modification of those theories or to increased confidence in and consensus on their correctness; and scientific theories, such as Relativity, or Evolution, or Anthropogenic Climate Change, that have achieved a high level of confidence and consensus among

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Case Western Reserve University:

- a) Strongly opposes the provisions of Ohio House Bill 597 repealing and replacing the Common Core State Standards Initiative academic content standards with standards legislated by fiat or developed through any process that fails to meet the same high standards as the Common Core;
- b) Rejects explicitly the bill's premise that students should "focus on academic and scientific knowledge rather than scientific processes;"
- c) Rejects the notion that non-scientific perspectives, such as faith-based theories, have a place in the teaching of science;
- d) Calls on Representatives Thompson and Huffman to withdraw HB597, or failing that for the Ohio House and Senate to reject the bill;
- e) on Repeal of HB 597