A Resolution
Against the Racist Vandalism of March 2006

WHEREAS, Bates College is a small and tight-knit community; and,

WHEREAS, any act of hate or bias against a member of our community is totally unacceptable, for the reason that such action is against, and directly undermines, the values that we hold dear; and,

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every member of this community to personally be involved the fight against these despicable acts; and,

WHEREAS, the fight against bias takes personal commitment and leadership; and,

WHEREAS, this issue needs to be immediately and forcefully addressed, in a positive manner, by our community, both verbally, in writing, and through personal and collective action.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Bates College Student Government strongly condemns the recent acts of hateful graffiti and any future action of racism, sexism, homophobia, xenophobia, religious intolerance, or hate of any kind.

That the Bates College Student Government supports the community actions organized by the Deans. We recommend, however, that such actions be regularly planned for the foreseeable future. We reject any short-term solutions to a long-term problem.

That all members of the Bates College Student Government and the community at large are strongly urged to personally take full advantage of any and all community actions relating to these incidences of bias.

Those upon passage, the President of the Bates College Student Government make the Bates Community aware of this resolution through any and all modes of communication available, such as an editorial in The Bates Student, announce e-mails, etc.

Respectfully,

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Monday, March 27, 2006:
Originally proposed and passed