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Hamline University Faculty Votes to Oppose "Marriage Amendment"

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At a meeting of the Faculty of the Whole on 20 Sept. 2012, the following packaged resolution was moved, seconded, and discussed by fifty-one members of the university faculty:

WHEREAS Hamline University is a learning community that values diversity and inclusiveness; and

WHEREAS Hamline University recognizes and embraces the values of the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church has publicly opposed the Minnesota "marriage amendment; and

WHEREAS the Minnesota "marriage amendment" would deny civil rights to members of our community:

Be it resolved that we, the faculty of Hamline University, oppose the "marriage amendment" that seeks to enshrine discrimination in the constitution of the state of Minnesota, and

Be it resolved that we, the faculty of Hamline University, call upon President Linda Hanson, as Hamline's representative, to affirm Hamline University's values and its belief in liberal education by publicly opposing the "marriage amendment."

Electronic voting was open from 2:00 Friday, 21 September 2012 until midnight Monday, 24 September 2012.

Voter turnout was 68% of eligible voters as defined by the Faculty Council Constitution.

In Favor of the above resolution = 127 (85.8%)

Opposed to the above resolution = 15 (10.1%)

Abstain = 6 (4.1%)

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