

Statement from the Chair of the Board of Trustees

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The Trinity College community has faced a complex situation associated with Professor Johnny Williams's social media posts. The Board of Trustees commends the College's leadership for quickly undertaking a thoughtful, thorough, and balanced review, which carefully examined the professor's comments and whether any of the College's policies were violated. Throughout this review process, both respect for the principles of academic freedom and free speech and concerns for the safety of our campus community have been paramount.

While not all of our community members will agree with the outcome of the review, we do support the tenets of academic freedom that are critical to an institution of learning. The strength of Trinity College is evidenced in the passion and depth of feeling we all have for this great institution.

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