The Department of Mathematics supports and joins the other departments in condemning the decision of the legislature to penalize the College for its selection of *Fun Home* as a common reading.

* In so far as it singles out a group as being unacceptable as the subject of reading and discussion, the action is unwelcoming to the members of that group among the College’s students, staff and faculty and therefore inconsistent with our stated goals of diversity and tolerance.

* In so far as it suggests that certain subjects cannot be read or discussed by the College, it is inconsistent with the concept of academic freedom in which ideas are discussed and grappled with, not excluded from consideration *a priori*.

* Finally, in so far as this action is an attempt of the legislature to influence the curriculum and course materials at the College, it represents an overreach of their powers.