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**Representatives Dianne Hart and Yvonne Hinson Reacts to the University of Florida Closing its Office of Diversity**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Today, as reported by the [Independent Alligator Newspaper](#), the University of Florida has closed the Office of Diversity and fired all employees associated with that office effective immediately. This series of firing comes as an attempt to comply with new regulations from the Board of Governors that prohibit DEI initiatives in our state educational institutions.

**Representative Dianne Hart (D-Tampa), Chair of Florida Legislative Black Caucus**, issued the following statement:

“Today’s series of firings is the most recent manifestation of the policies of an out of touch legislature, and a Governor’s failed Presidential bid. Just today the Florida House passed new laws to fight against the made-up “Woke” agenda.

“When will we stop with these made up culture wars that are literally costing people their livelihoods. There are countless issues that we as a legislative body should be focused on like rising property insurance rates, children whose families can’t afford to feed them in the summers, and yet here we are focusing on issues that aren’t real.

“Furthermore, in an effort to prevent “indoctrination” in our classrooms, we have in turn created an education system that is built off lies, falsehoods, and deceptive history. We can’t call ourselves the “free State of Florida” when children aren’t free to learn the truth of their history, and see the diversity of humanity.”

**Representative Yvonne Hayes Hinson (D-Gainesville)** issued the following statement:

“I am stunned but not surprised at the elimination of DEI staff at University of Florida, my Alma Mater. The culture wars engaged in the Republican dominated Florida House of Representatives will continue until Floridians have had enough and develop the will and determination to flip the majority in the Florida House.”

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