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A RESOLUTION TO COMMIT TO ANTI-RACIST ACTION AT NOTRE DAME

Whereas, the Student Senate recognizes that layers of institutional, cultural, and interpersonal racism continue to operate within the Notre Dame Community;

Whereas, according to the results of the most recent [Inclusive Campus Student Survey Report](#), released 2 September 2020, 13% of respondents felt they had personally experienced adverse treatment (including, but not limited to: verbal or written comments, stereotyping, exclusion, discrimination, threats, damage to property, or physical assault) at Notre Dame due to their racial or ethnic identity;

Whereas, according to the [Spirit of Inclusion at Notre Dame](#), the University aims to “consciously create an environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth in which none are strangers and all may flourish”;

Whereas, according to the [University of Notre Dame’s mission statement](#), the University strives to “create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice” in the light of Catholic Social Tradition;

Whereas, the Senate recognizes the importance of student organizing and activism to bring attention to ways in which the Notre Dame Community can grow in service to justice;

Whereas, history shapes the present, and Notre Dame’s commitment to anti-racist action, both on administrative and student levels, will be shaped by how it acknowledges minority student experiences and voices in light of a long history of students of color feeling marginalized at this university;

Whereas, minority student voices are often left out of national and educational conversations, despite their critical function in enriching dialogue on all levels; therefore, be it

***Resolved*, by the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame du Lac that the University should continue to engage in constructive dialogue with leaders of the Black Student Association, Notre Dame Socially Responsible Investing, and the organizers of the Notre Dame Strike for Black Lives pertaining to their organizations’ goals and steps forward to foster an anti-racist campus community.**

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