

Faculty Senate



M2020.21.1 Motion to Issue Faculty Senate Statement

Originator: Executive Committee

Whereas: The University of Memphis Faculty Senate supports work towards racial justice keeping with our vision to prepare students for success in diverse and inclusive environments along with our core values: accountability, collaboration, diversity and inclusion, innovation, service and student success. The Faculty Senate is committed to addressing systemic and institutionalized racism and implicit bias towards African Americans and people of color.

Be it resolved that,

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will issue the following statement on behalf of the Faculty Senate:

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The nation has witnessed tremendous systemic racism and police brutality towards African Americans and people of color leading to a climate of incredible distress for many Americans, specifically African Americans and people of color.

As University of Memphis President M. David Rudd stated, “We have an identified set of core values that embrace fairness, equity and justice, and we are committed to living those on a daily basis, particularly when they are most needed.”

The Faculty Senate stands in solidarity with African Americans and people of color who are faculty, staff and students speaking up to eliminate systemic racism, police brutality and racial injustices. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee has begun the process of seeking diverse, interested faculty members across the University to serve on a Special Committee on Anti-Racism with a charge to explore issues of systemic racism affecting faculty members and to develop recommendations to the administration for institutional changes.

-Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Recipients:

Faculty Senate

Tammy Hedges, Division of Marketing and Communications

Motion Passed by the Executive Committee 7/8/2020

Vote Total: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

Motion Ratified by the Faculty Senate 8/25/2020

Vote Total: 32 For, 2 Against, 4 Abstain