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An Official Statement and Response: #BlackLivesMatter

We hold space to mourn the constant murder and violence against black and brown humans. We recognize that our campus community is processing a vast range of emotions - fear, outrage, exhaustion, pain, despair, hope. Our hearts are heavy.

Silence is no longer an option. Inaction is no longer an option. The burden of ending racism and injustice can no longer be carried only by our students, colleagues, and community members of color. We kneel in solidarity and must now stand united.

Our team is committed to our mission of creating a holistically well and safe campus community and that can't be accomplished without centering social justice, power, and equality in that work. Racism is a public health crisis. As the Center of Student Wellness, we are working each day to address this challenge. We hold ourselves accountable and so can you, because #BlackLivesMatter.

We acknowledge that we can do better and we must do more.

We remain committed to learning, listening, and growing. We will continue to take action and will find meaningful and important ways to disrupt the system during this critical time as individuals, as a team, and as an office within Student Affairs. We know that change begins within and we are looking deeply at how we can be better.

To our black students, members of the community, and individuals everywhere, we see you. We see your courage. We hear you. We support you. We are taking action.

In health,
CSW Team