Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Support of Open Letter by the Coalition of Graduate Employees to President Barron
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

The Graduate and Professional Student Association has recently passed two resolutions (Resolution #69-20 and Resolution #70-01) condemning discrimination and harassment against the Asian, Black, and Latinx communities that had increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, events of the past few weeks highlight how deeper-rooted racism and racial injustice have existed in this country. The Penn State community has not been immune to these problems, as recently racist incidents involving Penn State students were widely publicized and have prompted responses from the university.

While acknowledging that the university has more recently outlined commitments to address ignorance and intolerance in the Penn State community, we believe that it is important to show support for policies to tackle issues of systemic racism at Penn State that are of particular concern to graduate and professional students, as outlined in an open letter to President Barron written by the Coalition of Graduate Employees. Specifically, it is important to address systemic racism on

1. [https://www.collegian.psu.edu/news/campus/article_82a910b2-a44e-11ea-8c83-77403d4c95e9.html](https://www.collegian.psu.edu/news/campus/article_82a910b2-a44e-11ea-8c83-77403d4c95e9.html)
2. [https://www.collegian.psu.edu/news/campus/article_e1ee11ae-a4e3-11ea-8095-074d07da2084.html](https://www.collegian.psu.edu/news/campus/article_e1ee11ae-a4e3-11ea-8095-074d07da2084.html)
campus and in our communities, change the campus climate to one that is not accepting of racism, and to reevaluate the relationship between Penn State and police and private security companies.

**Recommended Course of Action:**
By adopting this resolution, the Graduate and Professional Student Association directs the President of the GPSA to sign the open letter written by the Coalition of Graduate Employees to President Barron on behalf of the entire GPSA.

A copy of the letter can be found here:
https://cgepsu.org/2020/06/08/letter-to-president-barron-anti-racist-demands/

Respectfully submitted,

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President ___________________________________________________      Affirm      Veto
The Graduate and Professional Student Association