STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

A Sense of the Senate supporting the students at Mizzou and promoting diversity and inclusion

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Whereas: Universities serve to provide education and learning opportunities to their students; AND

Whereas: Learning is impeded by marginalization; AND

Whereas: Over the past week, threats have been made against students of color at the University of Missouri; AND

Whereas: Student protests have been taking place on college campuses including University of Missouri, Ithaca, Yale, and others seeking to call attention to racism and marginalization;

THEREFORE, IT IS A SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT:

The Senate promote the following statement in response to the events at the University of Missouri:

“The Senate is dedicated to promoting student interests and serving as the voice of the undergraduate student body. Our organization was founded on the idea that we would respect, understand, and accept the differences and similarities that exist within and outside our university. Therefore, we cannot remain silent as students of color face injustice at their universities.

We applaud these students for standing up, demanding that their rights be honored, and for bringing awareness to racial injustices on their campuses.

We believe that students deserve to live and learn in a campus community free of these issues.

To the students of color at Mizzou, we, student allies within the Senate of the Student Government Association of Northeastern University, stand with you in solidarity. To those who would harm them or threaten their sense of safety, the world is watching.”;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The University community should continue current efforts to promote a diverse and inclusive culture within the University and continue to develop new educational opportunities for the community about diversity and inclusivity;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Student Government Association focus on the diversity and inclusivity of our membership to adequately represent the needs and opinions of all students on our campus.
Respectfully submitted to the Senate,

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