

Resolution in Support of the Black Lives Matter Movement

WHEREAS acts of racial violence, anti-Blackness, and institutional racism have a long history and are deeply embedded in our society; and

WHEREAS people of color, and Black people in particular, continue to be disproportionately harassed, abused, and murdered by police in the contemporary United States; and

WHEREAS the murder of George Floyd is just one example of a Black man killed at the hands of police; and

WHEREAS the recent killings of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Sean Reed, and Tony McDade are among countless tragic illustrations of the terrorization of Black and Brown people in the name of policing; and

WHEREAS this reality has been overlooked, ignored, and denied for generations; and

WHEREAS Black lives matter; and

WHEREAS nationwide protests have emerged to fight for racial justice and end police violence; and

WHEREAS these protests are occurring in the midst of a pandemic that is disproportionately killing people of color; and

WHEREAS we recognize the toxic impact of systemic racism on our students, alumni, staff, faculty, their families and communities; and

WHEREAS social justice is central to the mission of SUNY Old Westbury; and

WHEREAS institutions of higher education should be leaders in the practice of equity, community building, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS the absence of an expression of solidarity with those protesting racial oppression communicates complicity with racial oppression;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that SUNY Old Westbury faculty and staff offer our unwavering commitment of solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement; students, alumni, staff, and faculty of color; and continued efforts toward the erasure of racial inequity and oppression.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SUNY Old Westbury administration issue an immediate statement of our College's unwavering commitment of solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement; students, staff, and faculty of color; and continued efforts toward the erasure of racial inequity and oppression.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SUNY Old Westbury dedicate the 2020-2021 Academic Year to the curricular and co-curricular (e.g. dialogue or lecture series, panel discussions, teach-in) exploration of topics related to racial (in)equity, (in)justice, and movements for social change.

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