

Asian American and Pacific Islander Standing Committee (AAPISC)  
Letter of Support to the  
Black Staff & Faculty Organization (BSFO)  
and the  
Office of African American Student Development (AASD)

June 2, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

As Co-Chairs of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Standing Committee (AAPISC), an inaugural advisory body under the executive sponsorship of the VCEI, we write to express our solidarity with you in both mourning and condemning the rampant racist violence that has been inflicted on members of the Black community. More specifically, we mourn and condemn the systemic ways in which police brutality has taken the lives of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and so many others before them.

We also affirm our commitment to working with you to challenge and change discourses and structures of inequity that continue to perpetuate white supremacy through anti-Blackness, both within and beyond the AAPI community.

As the late human rights activist Grace Lee Boggs noted, “We urgently need to bring to our communities the limitless capacity to love, serve, and create for and with each other.” We look forward to loving, serving, and creating for and with you a more hopeful and “hope-filled” vision for our campus community.

In solidarity,

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AAPISC Co-Chairs