



**Email Subject:** A Time For Solidarity  
June 11, 2020

Dear Fellow Students,

As your [Associated Students of ASU](#) (ASASU) Presidents, we are the collective leadership for all students and were created to represent, advocate and support the student body. Each of us have been elected after running on a platform of being the voice of all students, especially the traditionally underrepresented. It is time for us to deliver on our promise and ensure that students feel comfortable and safe on campus, with the equal opportunity to thrive here at ASU.

The COP stands in solidarity with the Black community at ASU and in the United States as a whole. The actions of police officers in Minneapolis are a reminder that racism is prominent in the United States. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident, as we have seen this violent act near our own campuses with the murder of Dion Johnson. COP condemns these actions of police brutality, and we look to the future for needed change.

In order to combat this growing problem, we must start with ourselves. COP calls on the Sun Devil community to not only keep ourselves accountable but also our peers, family members and friends. We must start unlearning the biases that we have been taught and educate ourselves on the discriminate history of the United States.

We will be working with communities of color and ASU Police Department to create a space that all students can feel safe in. We are including Black campus leaders as prominent parts of these discussions and want to ensure their voices are amplified. We do not want to speak for or over anyone, so please make sure to check out the Black African Coalition and ASU's NAACP chapter as well as your campus' Black Student union along with other, similar organizations.

In this light, we encourage all students to view support [statements](#) made by the ASU Coalitions, Athletics, Changemaker, and other organizations. We applaud those that have stepped forward at this time to show support and solidarity.

We are also including a [form](#) that we intend to utilize when drafting our priorities for the coming school year. We hope that this survey will increase communication and foster conversation about racism and safety on campus.

Your voice can take on different forms, from dialogue, to protesting to contacting your state officials. But most importantly, we ask that you register to [vote](#). Accountability begins with the voting body; this is extremely important to remember today. We must vote and educate ourselves on the elections taking place on all levels of government. By exercising our right to vote, we can affect the meaningful and tangible changes that we need in our communities.

The totality of our circumstances right now may be overwhelming, unpredictable and unprecedented. ASU is offering free [counseling](#) online, and we want to highlight this for students, staff, and faculty that are feeling the impacts of both this racial injustice and COVID-19. Please continue to practice self-care and check in on friends and family.

ASU is a united front and we must utilize our collective education to help improve our country and the world. We plan to use our time as COP to ensure every student feels safe and has a voice. As the student leaders of the largest public university in the country, we will use our positions to call out injustice. We believe that silence is the same as doing nothing.

Yours in Service and in Solidarity,

[Nora Thompson](#), USG Downtown

[Natalie Carranza](#), USG West

[Jacqueline Palmer](#), USG Tempe

[Troy Anderson](#), USG Polytechnic

[John Christian Oyas](#), Graduate Professional Student Association

### **Listed below are resources for supporting the Black Lives Matter Movement**

[Exhaustive list of ways to help the BLM movement](#)

[Anti racism resources](#)

[Black Therapist Resources](#)

[ASASU Google Form Survey](#)

ASASU Covid-19 [Crisis Fund Application](#)

[Arizona Legal Center](#)

[Register to Vote](#)

Your Local [Student Government](#)

### **ASU Black African Coalition**

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## **ASU RESOURCES**

Advocacy

ASU Counseling Services

Dean of Students