F2019 - R6 Student Senate Support for Demands Resolutions

WHEREAS, the University of North Texas claims in its mission statement their goal is to “welcome diversity” and as of 2018, they were officially designated as a Minority Serving Institution (MSI) where more than 51% of the university is a minority student.

WHEREAS, on the evening of Thursday, November 7th, during the “When Hate Comes to Campus” panel, UNT System Assistant General Counsel, Caitlin Sewell, stated the n-word in its entirety to the crowd, and after her statement, Sewell further clarified that she had never stated that word in a “public” setting before, insinuating that her racism went far deeper than the singular instant in contention, which has led to mass outcry from students, faculty, and alums.

WHEREAS, This event is a continuation of the racially-based stigma attached to universities as a whole, and by not rebuking this hate speech on campus, the University of North Texas endorses it.

WHEREAS, the Anti-Defamation League identifies an unprecedented increase in white supremacist activity on college grounds that began in fall 2016 and has decreased academic retention among minority students by an average of 6.5% across hundreds of campuses throughout the United States.

WHEREAS, by allowing the spread of racial-based discrimination and hate speech, the University of North Texas is entirely going against their statement on diversity and their claim that the university “values diversity and individuality.”

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the SGA Senate unequivocally and adamantly supports the demands made by UNT SGA, Black Student Union, and NAACP regarding the actions of Sewell and the steps needed to be taken by UNT to address the issues within our campus.

1 https://www.ntdaily.com/disproportionate-number-of-faculty-students-of-color/
5 https://policy.unt.edu/policy/03-001
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In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.

11/20/19  
Date

Speaker of the Senate

Presidential Action:

- Vetoed  
- Approved

11/20/19  
Date

President of the Student Government Association

12/4/19  
Date

Vice President of Student Affairs