Dear USF Community,

After a recent incident on campus we would like to address all of the students, which we represent. This incident took away a sense of security, inclusion and respect from our black students. Instances like these, both those dealing with race and other marginalized identities, impact certain members of our community more than others, and in order for us to build community together we must first acknowledge that this disproportion exists. We understand that injustices come about in many ways, shapes and forms, and we want to affirm our commitment to you all. Although many of the occurrences on our campus are out of our control, the strength and resilience of our community is something that we can influence together.

Beyond using instances of racism and prejudice as learning experiences, we are striving towards a community that can stand in our truths together. A community where each of our peers can live fully and authentically in their identities and know that they have a place at the table. When we continue to experience instances of indignity without further discussion, we can lose sight of the respect that should be foundational to all our relationships. We are striving towards a community that lets its members know that they are not only respected, but cherished members of our larger community.

We plan to hold your truths, as well as foster spaces of support. We hope that you all take time to heal and find serenity both in solitude and togetherness. And lastly, we hope to be resources to help you find that peace.

Always in support,

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