



Dear Ohio State Community,

This past Friday evening, students, faculty, and staff stood together in solidarity with the Concerned Student 1950 movement started at the University of Missouri in response to racial and social injustices prevalent in our society. We, the Undergraduate Student Government at The Ohio State University, recognize these injustices and commend those willing to fight for policies that ensure the safety and well being of all students and members of the Ohio State community.

The racist threats made on social media forums, such as Yik Yak and Twitter, against students of color at Ohio State pose a threat to students' safety and wellbeing, and are unacceptable. All students regardless of race, religion, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, nationality or culture have a right to feel safe within the Ohio State community. It is the mission of USG to ensure that all students' voices are heard. USG will be working with university administrators and concerned students across campus to cultivate an environment that is inclusive for all students.

Knowing that the demographics of Ohio State's students, faculty, staff and administrators are not representative of the state of Ohio, USG will continue to research and advocate for policies that enhance diversity in our institution. We encourage all interested in working with USG on this issue to contact our Diversity and Inclusion Committee Director, Tony Buss.

USG also commits to release an internal demographic report on our current membership. The Undergraduate Student Government should be representative of the entire student body, so we will use these findings to work towards creating a comprehensive recruitment plan in order to enhance the diversity of our members. We want all voices to be heard, so we encourage you to get involved in our process, to join our organization, and to attend our open weekly meetings. We are here not only to work for you, but with you.

As an established student organization recognized by faculty and administration, we operate by the guidelines of our Constitution and Bylaws, which can be found [here](#). Our governing documents are currently being reviewed, and we encourage all students to provide us with direct feedback as we are dedicated to serving all students at The Ohio State University. If you have concerns, we ask that you provide us with that information so that we can better advocate for what students truly want.

USG's mission is to serve each of you, the undergraduate students at The Ohio State University. We hear your voices. We need your voices. Reach out to any of your USG representatives [here](#) to discuss how we, together, can work towards an even better Ohio State.

Sincerely,

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