RESOLUTION 19/20/71
COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD OUR WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE CAMPUS

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WHEREAS, We personally find racism, sexism, and other forms of bigotry reprehensible and harmful to society and individuals;

WHEREAS, We support Kansas State University’s mission to create an inclusive and welcoming campus for all students, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and other personal characteristics;

WHEREAS, Kansas State University Student Governing Association respects and abides by our First Amendment rights, which grant students the freedom to express themselves without fear of suppression from administrative and governmental actions;

WHEREAS, Kansas State University Student Governing Association stands in solidarity with our diverse and inclusive student body in opposing and condemning racism, sexism, and other forms of bigotry on our campus;

WHEREAS, An atmosphere of hostility and animosity is not conducive to the academic process and hinders civil, intellectual discussion regarding complex, sensitive issues;

WHEREAS, The administration at Kansas State University canceled classes and held the first KSUnite event on November 14, 2017, which had thousands of individuals in attendance;

WHEREAS, The Kansas State University community has taken specific steps since the first KSUnite event in the area of diversity and inclusion;

WHEREAS, On November 14, 2017, Adrian Rodriguez was hired as the first Associate Vice President for Student Life for Diversity and Multicultural Student Affairs;

WHEREAS, On December 21, 2017, Dr. Bryan Samuel was hired as the first Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer to serve directly under University President Richard B. Myers;

WHEREAS, On April 5, 2018, Student Senate unanimously approved a resolution calling for the creation of a Multicultural Student Center;

WHEREAS, On September 17, 2018, the Division of Student Life’s Office of Diversity and Multicultural Student Affairs and the Staley School of Leadership Studies hosted the first Wildcat Dialogues;

WHEREAS, On October 9, 2018, Kansas State University held the second annual KSUnite event, which emphasized continuing the campus conversation regarding diversity and inclusion;

WHEREAS, On March 21, 2019, Student Senate unanimously approved a bill creating the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, a standing committee created to explore and develop policies and programs for diversity and inclusion at K-State;
WHEREAS, On March 28, 2019, Student Senate unanimously approved a bill creating the Intercultural Leadership Council, a joint committee that was created to leverage campus partnerships between representatives of various student organizations;

WHEREAS, On April 29, 2019, the site for the Morris Family Multicultural Student Center was officially unveiled with an anticipated completion date of November 2020;

WHEREAS, On September 20, 2019, KSU SGA reaffirmed its support for the Morris Family Multicultural Student Center;

WHEREAS, On November 6, 2019, Kansas State University hosted the third annual KSUnite event, which emphasized working harder to accomplish the goals of diversity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, KSU SGA acknowledges that the work needed to create a campus that is truly diverse and inclusive to all students is continuous and never ceasing.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION 1. KSU SGA reprouses any action contributing to an intimidating or unwelcoming campus atmosphere.

SECTION 2. KSU SGA affirms the inherent dignity and value of every person and strives to maintain an atmosphere of justice based on respect for each other.

SECTION 3. KSU SGA affirms the value of human diversity and inclusion for community.

SECTION 4. KSU SGA affirms the right of each person to freely express thoughts and opinions in a spirit of civility and decency. We believe that diversity of views enriches our learning environment, and we support open expression within a climate of courtesy, sensitivity and mutual respect.

SECTION 5. KSU SGA views events from past years as crucial to remembering the importance of continued advocacy for an inclusive campus.

SECTION 6. KSU SGA is proud of the measures taken over the last three years towards creating a more inclusive campus community.

SECTION 7. KSU SGA acknowledges that the steps taken are only the beginning in creating a campus community that each student can be proud to call their alma mater.

SECTION 8. Upon passage of this resolution and signature of the Student Body President, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to every student in the KSU Student Body, the African Students Union President Dominica Domician Genda, Asian American Student Union President Annie Cortes, Black Student Union President Kemondre Taylor, Gender Collective Vice Presidents Charles Bogan, Mikaela Moore, and Anna Rayburn, Hispanic American Leadership Organization President Francisco Cardoza, Native American Student Body President Victor Andrews, Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics President Hannah Stecklein, Sexuality and Gender Alliance President Seth Peery, Graduate Student Council President Manzamasso Hodjo, Association of Residence Halls President Carly Rasmussen, Interfraternity Council President Timothy Brill, Panhellenic Council President Brooke Montgomery, Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences President Jordan Bailey, National Organization of Minority Architecture Students President LaBarbara Wigfall, Multicultural Business
Student Association President Taylor McIntosh, Multicultural Engineering Program
Student Advisory Board Student Advisor Jordan Peyton, Society of Hispanic
Professional Engineers President Ronaldo Lopez, National Society of Black Engineers
President Erin Henderson, Society of Women in Engineering President Isabelle Aube,
Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers President Michelle Le, American Indian
Science and Engineering Society President Laura Baldwin, Veterinarians as One
Inclusive Voice for Empowerment President Shumin Li, International Student and
Scholars Program Director Sara Thurston, Student Access Center Director Jason
Maseberg-Tomlinson, LGBT Resource Center Coordinator Brandon Haddock, Director
of Intercultural Learning and Academic Success Debra Bolton, College of Agriculture
Assistant Dean and Director of Diversity Programs Zelia Wiley, Faculty Senate President
Tanya Gonzalez, University Support Staff President Cyreathia Reyer, Assistant Vice
President of Student Life and Director of Housing and Dining Services Derek Jackson,
Associate Vice President for Student Life for Diversity and Multicultural Student Affairs
Adrian Rodriguez, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students Thomas Lane,
Center for Student Involvement Director Kelli Farris, Chief Diversity and Inclusion
Officer Bryan Samuel, and University President Richard B. Myers.

I certify this resolution is true and correct

Hannah Heatherman, Speaker of the Student Senate  Date

I hereby approve this resolution.

Jansen Penny, Student Body President  Date