

May 29, 2020

Resolution to Actively Condemn Police Brutality, Dismantle White Supremacy and Fight for Black Lives

Whereas, Within 2020 Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and George Floyd were all killed at the hands of current or former law enforcement officers¹; and

Whereas, Within 2019 Black individuals made up 24% of the population killed by police officers despite only making up 13% of the population²; and

Whereas, Black women are 1.4 times more likely to be killed by police than white women³; and

Whereas, For every 100,000 Black men approximately 100 will be killed by police⁴; and

Whereas, 35% of the general Minneapolis budget, which as of 2019 numbers is around \$512 million, goes to funding the police⁵; and

Whereas, The 2019 Minneapolis budget included an \$8.2 million investment in "violence prevention;"⁶ and

Whereas, Police officers have not been formally charged in the Breonna Taylor⁷ case and were only recently arrested in the George Floyd⁸ case; and

Whereas, The murder of George Floyd on May 25th, 2020 occurred in Minneapolis, MN roughly 40 miles from Carleton's campus; and

¹ Many more cases have been covered in this source:

<https://www.npr.org/2020/05/29/865261916/a-decade-of-watching-black-people-die>

² <https://mappingpoliceviolence.org/>

³ https://www.prisonpolicy.org/scans/police_mort_open.pdf

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ <https://www.minnpost.com/community-voices/2019/12/new-minneapolis-budget-makes-important-progress-on-public-safety/>

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/05/28/breonna-taylor-death-whos-investigating-louisville-police-shooting/5272499002> <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/breonna-taylor-police-shooting-what-we-know-about-kentucky-woman-n1207841>

⁸ <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/05/29/minneapolis-death-george-floyd-protests-escalate-police-protest-fire/5279830002/>

Whereas, Police violence against Black people has continued to occur in Minnesota and around the nation even after the murder of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery; and

Whereas, The President of the University of Minnesota has spoken out against the actions taken by the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) and announced that they will no longer contract with MPD for any additional security support nor specialized services⁹; and

Whereas, Many Carleton students have already emailed President Poskanzer in an effort to urge him to issue a statement against the Minneapolis Police Department; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the College administration release another statement that:

- Notes that it is specifically *Black* people being *murdered* by police officers
- Discloses their affiliation with the Northfield Police Department so that people know the full extent of Carleton's relationship with NPD
- Acknowledges that the events unfolding are traumatizing not only to the state but also the nation as a whole and that the violence against Black people is part of the wider structural racism in the U.S.
- Identifies what the college will do to "explore, teach about, research, study, [and] discuss [police brutality, violence in our society, and institutionalized racism] as a community" as mentioned in the first email sent May 2020; and

Resolved, In lieu of the fact that the immediate office of the President's does not have a permanent Black member, they must make an effort to listen to and acknowledge Black voices coming from students, faculty, and staff; and

Resolved, That students, especially non-Black students, staff, and faculty, make an effort to actually attend events put on by the Africana Studies Department and Black Student organizations on campus; and

Resolved, That the college identify action items immediately after holding the CEDI conversations; and

Resolved, That the College identify any steps that they are taking to actively fight against police brutality and protect Black and Brown lives on campus and in the community as the current situation can have negative impacts on the academic success of Black students, including auditing current security and police interactions with Carleton students to identify any

⁹ https://twitter.com/UMN_SBP/status/1265790929748856837

discriminatory practices as well as implementing annual anti-racism training for faculty, staff, and students; and

Resolved, That the CSA urge students living in the U.S. (especially non-Black students, in order to support justice for their Black peers) to take action in their hometowns and advocate for body camera usage, de-escalation training, and the reduction of police budgets in favor of funding for education, public programs, and healthcare; and

Resolved, That the CSA promote ways to actively fight against police brutality and racial injustices and work with the Carleton Black Student Alliance (BSA), the African and Caribbean Association (ACA), Men of Color (MOC), Women of Color (WOC), Students with Interracial Legacies (SWIRL), and any other Black organizations in any capacity they see fit; and

Resolved, That the CSA promote advocacy on the issue of police contracts, particularly provisions in Minneapolis and St. Paul police contracts that shield officers from accountability¹⁰; and

Resolved, That the CSA push to use Student Project Committee (SPC) funds to donate \$1,000 to ten organizations engaged in the MN protests, promoting Black narratives and anti-racism in their communities, and denouncing police brutality; and

Resolved, That they urge the College and other predominantly white institutions and their student governments to tap into their endowments or other pools of money to donate money or supplies to whatever extent possible without taking away from their ability to provide financial and any other forms of aid to students; and

Resolved, That the President of the CSA send a copy of this resolution to President Steve Poskanzer, Dean of the College Beverly Nagel, Vice President for Student Life Carolyn Livingston, Vice President and Treasurer Fred Rogers, Vice President for External Relations Tommy Bonner, Vice President and Dean of Admissions Art Rodriguez, Faculty President George Shuffelton, and Vice President, Chief of Staff Elise Eslinger, and members of the Carleton Board of Trustees.

Signatures of Support:

African and Caribbean Association (ACA)

Black Student Alliance (BSA)

Men of Color (MOC)

¹⁰ <https://www.joincampaignzero.org/contracts>

Students with Interracial Legacies (SWIRL)
Women of Color (WOC)