

Whereas, Thomas Keon's behavior at PNW's December 2022 Commencement was hurtful to students and faculty of Asian descent, and prompted national and international condemnation;

Whereas, the Faculty Senate Executive committee demanded his resignation;

Whereas, 87% of PNW faculty voted "no confidence" in Keon's leadership;

Whereas, over 9,400 people have signed a student-initiated petition calling for his resignation;

Whereas, a statement condemning his behavior by Asian-American and Asian Cultural Resource Center at Purdue West Lafayette has been signed by 1000 scholars from hundreds of US Universities;

Whereas, dozens of statements and public demands for his removal have been released by Asian-American, Black, LGBTQ, and many other communities;

Whereas, the Northwest Indiana Urban League has removed him from its Board;

Whereas, PNW is faced with enrollment declines and funding challenges which require strong leadership that Keon;

Whereas, Keon has not communicated with Faculty Senate leadership since Dec. 16, and has not communicated directly to faculty or staff about his actions;

Whereas, to demonstrate Purdue's support for diversity, equality, and inclusion, and to address the lack of confidence of the Purdue Northwest faculty;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

the PNW Faculty Senate condemns Thomas Keon's actions at the commencement and his poor leadership and calls for his resignation, and, if that resignation is not immediately forthcoming, the PNW Faculty Senate asks the Board of Trustees to remove Keon from his position as Chancellor of PNW.