

Georgetown University Student Association

In the school year 2019-2020

**A RESOLUTION to DEMAND Student Experiences Be Heard & the University's
Compacency with Professors End**

WHEREAS, across the country, racist professors have been protected by their university and have escaped consequence¹;

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2019, Sociology students Angel Reed and Briana Thomas experienced unacceptable behavior from Professor Timothy Wickham-Crowley that included racism, discrimination, insensitive comments, and more;

WHEREAS, this professor created an unsafe and uncomfortable atmosphere for multiple students of multiple identities;

WHEREAS, Angel Reed and Briana Thomas drafted a [12-page letter](#) on April 3, 2019 addressing the full scope of their concerns and emailed it to the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Affirmative Action (IDEAA), the Georgetown College Dean's Office, the Office of the Provost, the Office of the President, the Office of the Vice President, and the Department of Sociology;

WHEREAS, their concerns were not properly listened to, investigated, or taken seriously;

WHEREAS, the professor threatened to share the letter with the class in an attempt to silence and target Angel and Briana;

WHEREAS, the "College Dean's Office." protected the professor, no investigation was opened, and no consequences were initiated;

WHEREAS, the IDEAA office met with the students but made no substantive attempts to aid their situation;

WHEREAS, no student should ever feel unsafe in a classroom, endure any discrimination, or sacrifice their mental health;

¹ <https://abcnews.go.com/US/professor-fire-posting-racist-sexist-tweets-fired-indiana/story?id=67202798>

WHEREAS, no student's concerns should ever be so easily dismissed by the University, any office, any department, or any administrator without properly investigating and taking action to protect the safety and wellbeing of the student rather than prioritizing the protection of the professor's job;

WHEREAS, Angel Reed and Briana Thomas have been inspired to continue advocating and seek support with a reinvigorated campaign;

WHEREAS, the Association must elevate the voices and concerns of students and hold the University accountable to responding;

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Georgetown University Student Association Senate as follows:

1. SUPPORT and ELEVATE the activism of Angel Reed and Briana Thomas;
2. DEMAND that the University properly investigate Professor Timothy Wickham-Crowley;
3. CALL for action to be taken against Professor Timothy Wickham-Crowley;
4. EXPECT the University to form a public apology in response to Angel Reed and Briana Thomas and to respond to Angel Reed and Briana Thomas explaining WHY action has not yet been taken and outline their next action;
5. URGE Senators, members of the Association, and the student body to hold the University accountable and be allies by [participating in this email campaign](#);
6. IMPLORE the University to open a dialogue with Angel Reed, Briana Thomas, the Association, and other organizations to improve the professor reporting mechanisms for students;
7. FURTHER URGE the Association to monitor this situation and take its own action when necessary to address other instances of unacceptable professor behavior;
8. FURTHER DEMAND that the University ceases to protect professors over students and reevaluate the consideration student concerns receive from the administration.

Certification

We hereby certify that the foregoing legislation was duly considered by the Senate at a meeting at which a quorum was present and that the same was approved by a voice vote, this 21st day of June, 2020.

Daniella Sanchez
Speaker

Vice Speaker

I hereby sign this legislation into law.

President of the Student Association

Petitioners