

University of Delaware Graduate Student Government
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Sponsor: Senator Samantha Nystrom (English)

5 Proposal in Support of Inclusivity and Increased Dialogue on Discrimination and Injustice

WHEREAS an instance of racially charged hate speech was recorded as occurring on the University of Delaware campus on 10 November 2016; and

10 **WHEREAS** this hate speech was one in a series of injustices that have occurred throughout the country, events that the 2016 presidential election has highlighted and exacerbated; and

15 **WHEREAS** University President Dennis Assanis; Vice Provost for Diversity Carol E. Henderson; Susan L. Groff, Director of the Office of Equity & Inclusion; and the Office of Graduate & Professional Education have all issued statements affirming the University of Delaware's commitment to diversity and to ensuring that different perspectives are respectfully and safely shared on campus; and

20 **WHEREAS** the Graduate Student Government is committed to creating and sustaining a respectful environment for all, regardless of race, nationality, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, veteran status, marital status, language, political affiliation, citizenship, socioeconomic status, disability, or any other social/personal characteristic;

25 **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Graduate Student Government will continue to ensure that it is an inclusive body, both protecting and celebrating the voices of all of its members, and

30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the GSG will work to increase transparent and honest dialogues about injustices impacting members of the University of Delaware community, ensuring that victims of prejudice, intolerance, and discrimination are not marginalized, whether by explicit acts of aggression, implicit ones, or silence and indifference.