

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

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**SCHOOL OF GENERAL STUDIES**  
**GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL**

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GSSC Statement of Support

We, the General Studies Student Council (GSSC), would like to extend our deepest sympathies to all who have been offended and felt marginalized by the recent publications and events on campus.

The members of the GSSC support the movement to end discrimination in all of its forms on Columbia's campus, including, but not limited to, racism, sexism, homophobia, and religious intolerance.

We, the students of the School of General Studies, represent diverse backgrounds and cultures, and have experienced the effects of discrimination, particularly ageism, and elitism, within this University.

Furthermore, we also support the efforts to bring diversity into the core curriculum, and the goal of instituting structural change to the University in the form of a "Multi-Cultural Affairs Office." We are, however, concerned that the University has not included the School of General Studies in these new initiatives, and we ask for equal representation.

Sincerely,

The GSSC