Office of Student Conduct Statement Regarding Equity and Racial Injustices

As we continue to observe the sad and traumatic events related to the death of George Floyd, we want to acknowledge the impact that these events may be having on you, our campus community, and beyond. We commend your student leadership for sharing their thoughtful words and the call for action that was sent out early this week. The willingness of your leadership to speak out, reflects the ethical leadership that is expected of members of the Honor System, and demonstrates a strong sense of humanity and care for your community.

We underscore the messages that the current events are having a devastating impact on black communities and your black peers, but out of these events arise opportunities for you to be visionary leaders and create change. As you all think critically about what steps you will take to bring about equity and justice, we are hopeful that we will focus on ways that we can encourage and recruit members that are diverse in their perspectives, backgrounds, and life experiences. Additionally, we ask that you use training opportunities to actively engage and understand more about race and racism and how both impact your peers and their sense of belonging. I am also re-sharing the link created by your student leadership to share thoughts and feedback. After all, this is the time to be engaged and learn, and then go into the world and create positive change.

While our office doors are closed, our hearts and minds are open to all of you if you have questions, concerns, or need support. We also want to share that Student Wellness is providing support to students that wish to speak with a <u>staff member</u>, or seeking additional <u>resources</u>.

With care and concern,

Aisha, Jordin, Audrey, and Amy