Resolution #3 on Protest and Policing Moving Forward

WHEREAS, On May 6, 2024, the University Senate voted on a three-part resolution. Resolution #3, which passed with a significant majority (~60% voted in favor of the resolution), called upon the University Senate to establish an "independent investigation, by a committee established by the Senate, into the Enterprise Risk Management unit's handling of student protests and "intelligence-gathering" of staff, faculty, and students; and the development of a shared governance mechanism to oversee its activities."

WHEREAS, A group of A&S faculty and A&S senators developed a list of specific issues we would like addressed to clarify the resolution and affirm our support for it. While we recognize the specific incident motivating the resolution occurred under a previous administration, we request these clarifications and specific steps to ensure that our campus leaders do not make the same mistakes in the future.

BE IT RESOLVED, We request the University Senate to investigate and clarify the procedures surrounding the seizure and detainment of faculty and student phones last spring.

BE IT RESOLVED, We request the University Senate to work with senior leadership to develop clearer and more equitable policies and protocols around campus protests.

BE IT RESOLVED, We request the University Senate to demand full transparency around the University's use of "risk assessment" or "risk scoring" to evaluate travel requests and research projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, We request the University Senate demand full transparency around the University's observation of the faculty, staff, and students' online behavior, both on and off campus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, We request the University Senate co-sponsor an open question-and-answer session with University to better understand the nature and scope of ERM's activities on campus.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be transmitted to the University Senate Executive Committee for response and action during 2025 Spring Semester.

Approved by the A&S Senate at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 21, 2024