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Tuesday night's events involving students shouting racial slurs at others has once again shaken members of our campus community. GPC condemns the actions of these students in the clearest possible terms. We find it unacceptable for members of our community to disrespect, offend, and potentially threaten other members of the campus community. These incidents have happened far too often and we will do everything we can as an organization to do our part in stopping them.

We need to have conversations about race on this campus. In order to have these conversations, we first need to discard the vile rhetoric of hate that comes with using these racial slurs. Conversations cannot begin in a meaningful way until that happens. There are many organizations on campus, including GPC, that are eager to engage in the type of conversation intended to make Mizzou more inclusive. As leaders on campus, we strongly encourage all students, faculty, and staff to have meaningful dialogues with each other about the current state of our campus and what we can do to work on making it better.

We stand in support of the students impacted by these events both directly and indirectly. Students that need assistance are encouraged to reach out to many of the services and support organizations on campus such as the The Office for Civil Rights and Title IX (civilrights.missouri.edu), as well as the MU Counseling Center (counseling.missouri.edu). We hope to build stronger working relationships around campus between GPC and the Black Cultural Center, The Multicultural Center, and the Division of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity.

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