

The death of George Floyd is abhorrent; it is an attack on America's soul, on its foundational principles, and is a betrayal of what America stands for. The death of George Floyd and hundreds more in the past decade underscores that thoughts and prayers are not enough. Decisive policy change needs to happen now.

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate stands in solidarity with African Americans and all those who have experienced racism and codified injustice. We join the Student Government Association and our leadership in demanding dialogue and action; ideologies are irrelevant, and silence is no longer an option.

The leadership of the Faculty Senate calls on faculty members to keep advancing reason and dialogue in the classroom; to defend human dignity; to continue serving the public interest and promoting social justice and the common good. The Faculty Senate will work even harder to make the University of Houston a model of compassion and shared responsibility in every aspect of our institution.

The Executive Committee Faculty Senate