



Associated Student Government

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Over the past week, there has been much concern regarding a racist post circulating social media featuring black face. This post has caused many of our students to feel fearful, isolated, and angry. I applaud the many student leaders and organizations that have denounced this issue and I want them to know that you are not alone. The Associated Student Government stands next to organizations like NPHC and the Black Students Association in their response to this incident. We consider ourselves a part of the University's call to action when it says that "we will continue to support diversity and inclusion on this campus" and "we will work together to dismantle racism and other forms of social oppression on our campus and in our society". We have been in communication this week with leadership from the Black Students Association about how we can address these incidents moving forward.

My sincere hope for our students today is that we can come together as Razorbacks and stand for what is right by encouraging all students to understand and respect one another. We can only do this by not being afraid to embrace effective discourse that strengthens our appreciation for every student's background and culture.

Sincerely,

Andrew Counce

96th Student Body President