



UNIVERSITY SENATE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Whereas, the faculty, staff, students, and administrators at the University of Maryland are outraged at the failures of leadership that led to Jordan McNair's death;

Whereas, the University Senate is the principal shared governance body of the University representing faculty, staff, students, and administrators who work together on issues that affect the campus community at all levels;

Whereas, the University of Maryland is committed to the highest ethical standards in all its actions and to openness and accountability through shared governance;

Whereas, the Board of Regents grossly exceeded its authority and interfered with the autonomy of our institution, undermining the University's core values and impacting its ability to fulfill its mission as a public land-grant institution;

Whereas, the Board of Regents has demonstrated a complete disregard for academic freedom and has compromised the University's governance structure and its ability to exercise primary authority over its day-to-day operations without external influences;

Whereas, the events of the last few days have tarnished the reputation of the University nationally, both within the broader academic community and with potential students, future faculty, and financial supporters of the institution;

Whereas, the Board's overreach and violation of basic principles of higher education have also jeopardized the University's accreditation status with the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools; and

Whereas, the Board of Regents has betrayed the trust of our campus community and all those who have the best interest of the institution at heart; therefore

Be it resolved, that the University Senate condemns the Board of Regents for its recent actions, and urges the Board to reconsider its responsibility to our institution and renew its commitment to the welfare of our students and to our academic mission.