



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
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**MIAMI UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO RECENT POSTS ON @dearmiamiu**

Dear Miami Family,

Dear Miami University (@dearmiamiu) is one of the most important and effective platforms for students and members of the Miami community to share their experiences on campus. We, as the Cabinet of the Associated Student Government, take each submission on the account very seriously and wish to continue aligning our work with addressing the community concerns highlighted by the account.

The recent posts surrounding ASG and some leadership members have been difficult to hear, but emphasize a long-standing need to reevaluate our practices, especially in amplifying the voices of the student body accurately and holding our peers accountable.

First, we want to acknowledge that no matter how this statement is phrased, it is not going to resolve the problems present. **A statement, in and of itself, is performative and means little without tangible action.** The environment in ASG has clearly not been positive or constructive, and it has permitted behaviors that are wholly unacceptable for any student, and especially for those elected to be leaders.

Second, it is apparent, though unfortunate, that internal solutions and prior action plans to create change have largely been unsuccessful. We are deeply aware of systemic and historic issues within ASG, and for many members of our cabinet, fixing these issues was a huge motivating factor in our decision to run for our positions.

The current cabinet is newly elected, and many have not had the opportunity to start our work yet, let alone meet one another. With that being said, we want to communicate our deep passion for bringing necessary change to Miami's campus. We recognize the unique opportunity to create change with a new perspective this year. ASG is meant to be a place that represents all students.

The bias incident as described in a July 23rd post is currently being investigated by the appropriate university entities.

With this in mind, we encourage anyone who has a specific concern or negative experience with regards to a standing member in ASG to reach out to our oversight committee. We understand that some of these issues may be more sensitive in nature, and for that reason, our secretaries of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and of Safety and Wellness (Kennedy Hughes and Ryan Parker, respectively), are also available to speak through any major concerns or incidents of significance.



If you are concerned for your safety, we urge you to contact the appropriate university channels that would best serve your concerns, including Women Helping Women\*, Student Counseling\*, the Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity, or Residence Life professional staff. For more information on the responses of each of these departments and the mandatory reporting process, please refer to the Miami University SIV Resources webpage, and the Mandated Reporting webpage, both provided below.

With Love and Honor,  
Associated Student Government's Executive Cabinet

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2030 Armstrong Student Center | 513-529-6504 | csdi@miamioh.edu

**STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES\*:**  
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**RESIDENCE LIFE:**  
Contact your specific Resident Assistant, Grad Assistant, or Resident Director

**MIAMI SIV RESOURCE GUIDE:**  
<https://www.miamioh.edu/campus-safety/sexual-assault/resource-guide/index.html>

**MIAMI'S MANDATED REPORTING WEBPAGE:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/ye2x2psf>

\*These resources are completely confidential. Any resources without an asterisk are not confidential, meaning an official report will be submitted. For more information on the distinction, please visit the Miami SIV Resource Guide link.