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STATEMENT

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RE: Concerns Raised by Black Liberation Collective

In light of recent events, the University of Toronto Students' Union urges that all individuals affected by the current legal dispute, including all parties to the lawsuit, be treated with respect. We take seriously the concerns raised by the Black Liberation Collective, and commit to a town hall on anti-Black racism, as well as to a series of public consultations on the role of the UTSU as an institution. We further commit to a review of how student clubs are funded, which will include the introduction of guaranteed funding for Level 3 clubs at the point of renewed recognition. The mission statement of the UTSU mandates us to protect the rights of all students, especially marginalized students. We are committed to serving Black students and to confronting anti-Black racism. Furthermore, we are committed to working with the Black community to achieve these goals.

Additionally, we would like to make clear that the management of the ongoing litigation is the exclusive responsibility of the Executive Committee. The Board of Directors has the authority to initiate and to settle litigation on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, but has no role in the active management of litigation while it is ongoing. The current litigation was initiated in September 2015 by the previous Board, and the two subsequent settlements were approved by the previous Board.

Yours in service,

The UTSU Executive

ANTI-HARASSMENT AND RESPECT

The UTSU will not tolerate malicious comments about or harassment toward any party involved in this claim. The UTSU Executive Committee will actively condemn any comments that are harassing, malicious, or derogatory

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