

January 9, 2017

Cate Fosl, Director, Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research
Enid Trucios-Haynes, Interim Director, Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice
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Dear Cate and Enid:

President Pinto asked me to respond and thank you for sharing the campus-wide statement on the Black Lives Matter movement and principles as well as your endorsement of the Kent School of Social Work's position statement about the role of education. We have reviewed statements from other campus groups as well.

Dr. Pinto and I look forward to learning of the positive outcomes from the dialogue facilitated by the Kent School and are particularly gratified by the social-media campaign that will "offer suggestions for how our colleagues and friends can show solidarity."

Thank you for tackling this difficult issue in a constructive, positive manner.

Sincerely,



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Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs
Acting Executive Vice President and University Provost

cc: Neville Pinto, Acting President
Vicki Bridgeman, Chair, CODRE
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