Statement by the Campus Safety Commission On the Conviction of Officer Derek Chauvin April 21, 2021

The long arc of the moral universe bent closer towards justice with yesterday's rendering of 3 guilty verdicts for the murder of Mr. George Perry Floyd. This decision provided a moment of relief filled with the hope and expectation that our country is moving in a more decent, honorable and principled direction. However, the struggles against racial injustice and the need for systemic and sustainable change remain. It will take a unified effort to reach the goal of a more diverse, equitable and inclusive society.

The Campus Safety Commission stands committed to fostering an environment of inclusion and belonging for all members of our campus community. We look forward to advancing the work of affirming behavior where no member of the Carolina Community (student, staff, or faculty) has to question if "They Matter". Centering humanity will afford all who walk our grounds the opportunity to feel not only safe but also welcomed.

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