Wildcat Community,

In light of the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade and countless others, it is time for us to break our silence. The incoming 2020-2021 ASCWU Executive Team stands with the Black Lives Matter movement and is asking for CWU students, faculty, staff, and administration to also stand alongside us. It is not enough to be complacent as we all must hold our own family, friends, and community members accountable.

The incoming 2020-2021 ASCWU Executive Team recognizes the various privileges we have and want to use our platform as your student governing board to help the Black community and stand in solidarity with each of you. Recognizing that we will never understand, but we will still stand with you. We also recognize that CWU has not always validated, served, or truly listened to the voices of marginalized communities, especially to the Black community, and it is time this is changed.

We are asking the CWU community to stand up against racism, especially in a predominately white community and stand in solidarity with our Black community. As a reminder, it is not the job of the Black community or your friends who come from other marginalized backgrounds to educate you on why this movement is even happening. Do your own research on how this country has placed a system of oppression and hate against the Black community. You can donate, peacefully protest, and actively listen to the Black community. We are not here to speak for the Black community, but instead amplify their voices.

It has been an incredibly heavy Spring quarter, from a global pandemic to the racism and hate seen throughout the world. While we are here to listen and ensure that your voices are heard and validated. We also wish to share some of the following resources available to you wherever you currently are:

- The Diversity & Equity Center welcomes any conversations and are available to offer support alongside additional resources and can be reached at diversity@cwu.edu
- Student Counseling Services are offering Teletherapy services through phone or secure video chat. Call (509)-963-1391 to schedule an appointment or to receive more information.
- Africana Black Studies: please consider supporting and taking classes that the ABS department offers to show CWU that ABS is important and an essential part of the CWU curriculum.

In Solidarity,

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