

A Resolution of the Bowling Green State University Faculty Senate

Title: A Resolution in Support of the July 1, 2020 Black Student Union and Undergraduate Student Government Joint Statement on Policing Reform

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On behalf of: Senate Executive Committee

WHEREAS The Bowling Green State University Black Student Union in conjunction with the Undergraduate Student Government released a joint statement on July 1, 2020 seeking four (4) policy changes by the Bowling Green State University Police Department (BGSUPD) and the City of Bowling Green Police Department (BGPLD); (1)

AND WHEREAS The four policy changes: (1) ban chokeholds and strangleholds; (2) require officer body cameras; (3) training in de-escalation techniques for 15 hours every year; and (4) create separate Police Accountability Boards for each Department; (2)

AND WHEREAS These four requests are similar to proposals under consideration in a number of [cities](#) and [university](#) towns; (3)

AND WHEREAS Black faculty, staff, students, residents, visitors, and other People of Color are overpoliced and differently policed by local law enforcement, have [told of those experiences](#), and have protested these conditions for decades; (4)

AND WHEREAS Public records corroborate that People of Color in Bowling Green are [subject to traffic stops](#) at rates [disproportionately high](#) compared to their population; (5)

AND WHEREAS Black Lives Matter; (6)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Bowling Green State University Faculty Senate support the July 1, 2020 Resolution on Policing Reform, and encourages the good faith adoption of these recommendations by July 1, 2021; (7)

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Faculty Senate recommends Bowling Green Police Department cancel their planned September 2020 de-escalation training with Bill Lewinski and the Force Science Institute, whom [BGSU Professor of Criminal Justice Phil Stinson calls](#) a “junk scientist” whose work “does not meet the standards of science.” We agree with Professor Stinson that “it would be an excellent show of solidarity with the African American community if [BGPLD] would not allow someone with a terrible reputation come train [BGPLD] officers.” (8)