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Subject: A message from the Department of Theatre DEI Committee

The Department of Theatre Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee have been informed of an incident that has caused harm and confusion in our community.

To be transparent, there was a list of students on the whiteboard in a studio downstairs. This list contained the names of theatre students that identify with the BIPOC community. After discussion with faculty and students involved, we acknowledge that this list without context can affect those on the list in a dehumanizing and hurtful way. We believe it is important to inform the student body that the intent behind the list was as a resource for newer students who are looking to be in community with other BIPOC students.

This in no way undermines the feelings that any of you feel about this incident. The faculty and students involved as well as the Theatre Department as a whole are deeply sorry to anyone who was affected by this incident. It should have never happened and the DEI committee will be discussing with faculty and students the gravity of the situation and how to handle these requests in the future.

If you ever feel that there is a need not being met in the community that aligns with the mission of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, please come and speak with us. If you have further concerns regarding this incident, please feel free to contact us:

Dory Sibley: [REDACTED]

Kevin Ferguson: [REDACTED]

M-A Blizzard: [REDACTED]

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and we wish you joy and rest.

With gratitude,

The Department of Theatre DEI Committee

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