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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dean of Students Dr. Margarita Arellano  
Assistant Dean of Students Kathryn Weiser

DATE: Monday, May 13, 2019

FROM: Corey Benbow, Student Body President *B*

SUBJECT: S.R. 14 A Resolution of Disapproval of the UPD Actions and the Implementation of De-escalation and Ally Training for all UPD Officers

I approve of this legislation passed by the Student Government Senate which is to document Student Government's disapproval of UPD's actions on May 1st and calls on them to adopt industry standard best practices for campus protests and implement de-escalation certification.

Moreover, while I believe the police department's actions on this day need to be reviewed further to determine if they should be disapproved on the outset. It is important as Student Government we stand with our fellow student Bobcats in these times of discourse on our university.

Finally, it is my hope that the university administration will take this legislation serious. Respond within a reasonable time frame and make changes to ensure that our university community heals and the fractured relationship with some marginalized students on our campus is repaired.

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**A Resolution**

A Resolution to be known as "A Resolution of Disapproval of the UPD Actions and the Implementation of De-escalation and Ally Training for all UPD Officers," which documents Student Government's disapproval of UPD's actions on May first and calls on them to adopt industry standard best practices for campus protests and implement de-escalation certification.

- 1 **WHEREAS:** On May 1, 2019 students gathered in the Quad to counter  
2 protest the possible arrival of white supremacists to  
3 the Texas State University campus; and  
4 **WHEREAS:** After a student on student altercation and several  
5 interactions between student protesters and on campus  
6 police forces, four Texas State student protestors

7           were arrested and charged with various misdemeanor  
8           offences; and

9   **WHEREAS:** The University Police Department (UPD) and partner  
10           police agencies failed to adequately de-escalate the  
11           scene; and

12 **WHEREAS:** The International Association of College and  
13           University Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA)  
14           provides Protest Preparation and Response Training  
15           which can help UPD implement generally accepted best  
16           practices for crowd control and protest response in  
17           the unique setting of a university campus; and

18 **WHEREAS:** It is critical UPD show students they understand not  
19           just the facts of the incidents on May 1, 2019, but  
20           the perceptions students feel related to their safety  
21           while exercising their freedom of assembly, the right  
22           to redress grievances, the right to free expression,  
23           and the right to free speech; therefore,

24 **BE IT RESOLVED:**       Texas State Student Government disapproves  
25                           of the actions of the Texas State University  
26                           Police Department for their failure to de-  
27                           escalate student-led counter protests on May  
28                           1, 2019; and

29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** Texas State Student Government calls on  
30 UPD to conduct yearly internal de-  
31 escalation and training focused on  
32 protests and counter protests; and

33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** We call on UPD to engage IACLEA in these  
34 training efforts including conducting  
35 Protest Preparation and Response  
36 Training; and

37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** The University Police Department will  
38 meet once every six months with the  
39 Office of Diversity and Inclusion; and

40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** Texas State Student Government strongly  
41 encourages the University Police  
42 Department ensure all hires receive  
43 Allies training to become Official  
44 Allies of Texas State through the  
45 office of Student Diversity and  
46 Inclusion; and

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48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** This legislation be forwarded to the  
49 Student Body President for further  
50 action.