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President Schapiro and Provost Hagerty,

The Asian American Studies Program unanimously supports the October 15th African American Studies Department letter, “Anti-Racism and Reconstruction in a Predominantly White University” and their October 20th response to President Schapiro’s inflammatory email disparaging student activists. We stand with these students who are fighting for a police-free campus and who are striving for a better, more accountable, and equitable university. We affirm the *Urgent Recommendations* presented in the October 15th letter as demands, with an emphasis on divestment from the police, creating a strengthened good neighbor plan with our Evanston neighbors, and recruiting and supporting Black students and faculty. As a program founded through student protest and committed to anti-racism and social justice, we condemn an administration that publicly proclaims its commitment to combating anti-Black racism while publishing anti-Black proclamations. We call on you and Northwestern University leadership to promptly address these matters and swiftly implement the recommended changes.

Signed,

The Faculty of the Asian American Studies Program