



Chancellor Christina Drale:

My name is Landon DeKay and I am the UA Little Rock SGA President for the 2020-2021 school year. On Tuesday, June 2, 2020, I released a statement on behalf of the Student Government Association addressing the recent acts of police brutality against Black citizens in our country.

As noted in the statement, UA Little Rock is the most diverse university in the state, and we must speak out against acts of racism and violence that disproportionately impact the lives of our students. I am hopeful that with your help we can make a positive change on our campus and in the surrounding community.

In order for us to reach this goal, the SGA is requesting that UA Little Rock create a committee made up of current students, campus administrators, faculty members, and community leaders that will:

1. Identify UA Little Rock and William H. Bowen School of Law's policies and procedures that may inhibit the success of minority students and students of color;
2. Identify potential racial barriers in campus resources, campus services, and student life;
3. Create a proposal that outlines new policies and procedures that promote the continued success of our minority students and students of color; and
4. Present the proposal to the appropriate legislative bodies for approval by the end of 2020.

Advocating for the continued success of our student body should be the main focus of this committee. Thus, I am requesting that this committee be composed of at least two UA Little Rock Undergraduate students, two UA Little Rock Graduate students, and two William H. Bowen School of Law students.

In the SGA statement, I noted that "we, as a society, simply cannot return to our 'normal' past, because our past empowered violence and heinous attacks against the very foundations of our democracy and its citizens. We must speak out against racism and hold each other accountable." The creation of this committee allows us to begin to do that.

Respectfully,

Landon DeKay
SGA President 2020-2021