To our peers,

We, members of the Student Senators Council, wanted to reach out and respond to recent events at NYU, events where members of the community shared their sense of frustration and disappointment while grappling with inequalities in university life.

The forum in November was an incredibly important step in facilitating a meaningful dialogue about diversity and inclusion at NYU, but we know we can and should do more to work with students of color to address these ongoing issues. Hearing the anguish students of color and of other marginalized groups have experienced was truly a wake up call for us; We too are upset that time and time again so many of our peers have been made victims of ignorance and bias.

The Student Senators Council has fallen short in our aspiration to foster an environment at NYU that values diversity, inclusiveness, and respect. We recognize that these conversations did not happen early enough; it should not have taken a national movement for our university to provide a much needed platform on which students can feel empowered to engage in a dialogue about diversity and take action.

As part of our continued efforts to create a better experience for every student at NYU, we pledge the following commitments to students of color and other marginalized groups at NYU:

- We pledge to continue conversations with student-led organizations to review and discuss the list of demands presented at the forum, and additional concerns raised through those conversations.
- We pledge to work the Center for Multicultural Education and Programs, the LGBTQ Center, and student groups to better educate ourselves about issues that impact NYU’s diverse student body.
- We pledge to be Upstanders, working with students, faculty and staff to collaborate on ways to be more accountable, responsive, and proactive.
- We pledge to continue reevaluating the structure of student government in order to ensure that we are effectively and equitably representing the interests of all NYU students.

We hope that our continued focus on matters of diversity and inclusivity can move us forward as a student body and as an institution; We hope that each of you will participate in these efforts.
Sincerely,
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