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Subject: Important Statement to ESU Campus from Interim President Kenneth Long - Friday, February 19, 2021

Warriors,

ESU administration is aware of a group chat that took place among several ESU students making inappropriate and hurtful statements about a professor of color. It is important for you to know that ESU's Community Restoration Team has been working with the University's office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, since the incident was reported, to review. Such reviews follow specific processes and take time. Please know that we are working diligently on this matter.

Screenshots of those chats have recently made their way to social media and are receiving significant attention. We understand that you are outraged. We are outraged too! We are disappointed these actions occurred on our campus. While we cannot share the status of student disciplinary outcomes, we want you know the concerns shared with us are being addressed with urgency.

East Stroudsburg University does not condone the actions of these students and their offensive remarks. Their words are unacceptable within our campus community and do not uphold the standards of social justice that we embody as members of ESU's Warrior Family. Their disparaging comments in no way represent the values of East Stroudsburg University nor the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion that we hold in high regard.

My hope is that this instance reminds us of the responsibility we all share as Warriors, especially those related to good citizenship, accountability for our actions, and champions of social justice. I applaud those who brought this incident to our attention and hope that we all become stronger, better stewards of our campus community moving forward.

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