

## **Statement Regarding the Events of July 31, 2025**

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The Florida State University Student Government Association (SGA) is aware of the incident that occurred at the Leach Center last week. The actions captured in the widely circulated video do not reflect the values of our student body, nor the expectations of how we treat one another as members of this academic community.

We believe in the power of thoughtful debate and the importance of diverse perspectives. Disagreement is part of any healthy democracy, but it must never cross the line into hate, harassment, or physical violence. Such actions harm all students and have no place at Florida State University. Our differences are a source of strength when we approach them with integrity and mutual respect.

Healthy civic engagement means listening to understand, speaking with intention, and advocating with care. We all share the responsibility to foster a culture where every voice can be heard without fear or intimidation. We are proud to strive for a university community that continues to encourage learning from one another, even when we don't always agree.

SGA is here to listen, to advocate, and to protect the rights and dignity of all students. Now more than ever, we must recommit to engaging with one another in ways that reflect our values.

As students and leaders, we are committed to creating spaces where dialogue is not only possible, but productive. This is how we grow. This is how we lead. And this is how we live up to the values of our university and our democracy.