

RESOLUTION

Graduate and Professional Student Assembly – University of Minnesota

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Topic: University Media Neutrality Policy

WHEREAS, the United States criminal justice system operates on an "innocent until proven guilty" assumption; and

WHEREAS, occasionally, University students, staff, and faculty may be accused of criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, any statements of support to the media by a University agent, official, or employee prior to a trial may appear to imply that the accused is innocent;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly supports a media neutrality policy for all agents, officials, and employees of the University of Minnesota acting in their official capacity when commenting on criminal proceedings before a verdict or dismissal of charges.