

**SGA-Faculty Joint Resolution
In Response to Racist Incidents at Skidmore College**

Whereas recent incidents of racist graffiti and racist language directed toward minority populations at Skidmore College contradict the very principles of liberal education; and,

Whereas we consider membership in our educational community a privilege, and we must continue to earn our places in the community; and,

Whereas we ought to maintain at all times an attitude of respect and consideration for one another, and to judge our respective contributions by the merits of our ideas and the quality of our work, not by race or ethnicity, and furthermore not by gender, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, sexuality, or religion; and,

Whereas the Skidmore Honor Code requires of us the highest standards of mutual respect, civility, and honorable comportment. Therefore, be it

Resolved, we, the students and faculty of Skidmore College, categorically condemn incidents of racism as wrong, dishonorable, harmful to all, and contrary to our educational mission; and be it further

Resolved, we deem that those who commit racist acts violate the spirit of our community and must be held accountable for their actions; and be it further

Resolved, we pledge to conduct ourselves in an exemplary, admirable, and honorable fashion, to uphold high standards for acceptable behavior, to act with respect and civility toward all members of our community, and to welcome the meritorious contributions of all members without regard to race, ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, sexuality, or religion.