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Statement by Mitchell S. McKinney, Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication Regarding Carnahan Quad Protests

COLUMBIA, Mo. – “The University of Missouri Department of Communication supports the First Amendment as a fundamental right and guiding principle underlying all that we do as an academic community. We applaud student journalists who were working in a very trying atmosphere to report a significant story. Intimidation is never an acceptable form of communication. We reiterate our commitment as communication scholars to the transformative power of dialogue; we believe words shape our realities and that engaging multiple perspectives is vital. According to the University’s Collected Rules and Regulations (HR 114), we will not be able to comment on any personnel matters.”