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To the University Community:

Over the past week, we witnessed the social unrest caused by the death of George Floyd during an inexcusable police intervention in the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The unforgettable images of this incident and the subsequent protests serve as a bitter reminder of the racism and discrimination that still permeate our society. The turmoil reported in different cities as a consequence of these events also generates concern. At times like this, it is important to remember the values that guide us as human beings, as an institution, and as a society.

Albizu University is an institution that fosters diversity to promote a transformative social impact. Our stated mission is to train professionals committed to serving diverse communities. We foster sensitivity and empathy in our students, we respect diversity, and we are committed to social responsibility.

Aligned with these values, we reject racism and discrimination in any of its manifestations. We repudiate the use of violence as a tool for intimidation and control. We promote and defend the fundamental rights of each human being. We declare that every person, regardless of race or ethnic background, is equal before the law in the democratic and free society in which we live.

We are facing complex times that call upon us to act with prudence and difficult times that we can overcome by acting for the collective good. I invite you all to be agents of change, starting from a place of respect, dignity, and love of neighbor. I also invite you to remember the call of our founder Carlos Albizu Miranda to stay firm in our social commitment and to be sensitive to the cultural realities of our communities from the perspective of compassion and love.

We will continue to monitor developments as we hope that dialogue and respect will lead us forward on the right path.

Sincerely,

José Pons-Madera
President