

SEPTMBER 12, 2024

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT  
MU FACULTY COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY POLICY

*We, the MU Faculty Council on University Policy, share the concerns of the Black Studies Department in its complaint concerning the renaming of “Welcome Black BBQ” to “Welcome Black & Gold BBQ.” We agree that, rather than making the event more inclusive, the administration’s action and its explanation undermines efforts at recognizing the Black experience at MU and in supporting the pluralistic traditions from which we learn and celebrate.*

*Furthermore, we call for greater transparency in the decision-making processes that impact student, faculty, and staff organizations and events at MU. It is crucial that these decisions prioritize the voices of those directly impacted, ensuring respect and recognition for all groups within our university community. Without a clear policy in place, we believe that similar decisions could lead to accusations of inequities if they are not applied fairly across all organizations.*