



## **Message from Chancellor Philip L. Dubois**

**September 21, 2016**

As a campus community that serves as an anchor for all of University City, we grieve the loss of human life and extend our condolences to the family of Keith Lamont Scott. We trust that city and police officials will conduct a thorough and transparent investigation into the circumstances of his death.

With respect to the events of last night, I can assure all faculty, staff, and students, and their families that the campus was secure at all times. We were in immediate and continuing contact with the city's law enforcement officials and were able to ascertain that there was not a threat to our campus, our employees, or our on-campus residents. Rumors circulated via social media that an individual with a weapon was present on campus were immediately investigated by campus police and were found to have no basis in fact.

Scheduled classes and other campus activities will continue as planned. However, we support faculty members who wish to dedicate class time to discuss this incident and affirm the rights of members of the campus community to express their concerns in peaceful protest. We are an institution of higher learning. Our Mission Statement endorses social and cultural diversity, free expression, and mutual respect.

The Multicultural Resource Center is hosting a community circle discussion from noon to 1:30 p.m. today for campus community members in Student Union, Room 200. As always, any student who needs additional support should contact the Office of the Dean of Students or the University Counseling Center.

In the aftermath of the protest activity that followed the shooting of Mr. Scott, we have become aware of some irresponsible social media postings that have intimidated or threatened individuals or groups. I commit our staff to a thorough investigation of all unacceptable behavior by any member of the campus community.

Our first priority is to ensure the safety and well-being of all members of the campus community. We will dedicate all necessary resources to that end.

Philip L. Dubois  
Chancellor

