



Student Government of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

September 6, 2023

Members and Leaders of the Carolina Community,

As representatives of the student body, the Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate and Professional Student Government express our grief and sadness at the tragic death of a member of our faculty, Dr. Zijie Yan. We extend our sincere condolences to the late Dr. Yan's family, to his colleagues, to his students, and to everyone who knew him. We offer our thanks to the first responders and others who led the crisis response and who are continuing to work to bring justice to Dr. Yan. It is clear that action was taken promptly and in a manner consistent with protocol. We commend everyone who played a role in keeping our community safe.

The act of violence that caused Dr. Yan's death has induced confusion, anxiety, and heartache across the campus. We wish to express our appreciation for the administration, faculty, and staff who have worked tirelessly to support students emotionally at this trying time. As the campus continues to process and move past this tragedy, we will appreciate the continued support of the University. While we hope that we can be a partner in any University policy changes looking forward, we also wish to express a desire that any changes be conservative and in pursuit only of established best practice.

The hard work of healing begins, and the Student Government stands ready to support the student body through it.

Very respectfully,

The 7th Joint Governance Council

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