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FSU-GAU Stand in Solidarity with UF-GAU After Graduate Assistant's Passing

Tallahassee, FL - On the evening of June 13, 2019, a friend of UF Graduate Assistant Huixiang Chen reached out to UF-GAU expressing concern for Chen's mental health. After working with the University of Florida Police Department (UFPD), Chen was found deceased in a building on campus on June 14, 2019.

Before his passing, Chen posted a letter on Medium.com expressing concern over academic dishonesty and communications with a faculty member in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. UF-GAU released a statement on July 1, 2019, expressing their commitment to investigating the conditions that led to Chen's passing.

FSU-GAU stands in solidarity with UF-GAU and supports a thorough investigation into the conditions that led to Chen's passing. We value the well-being of graduate assistants above all else, and offer our deepest condolences to the UF community. Chen was a valued member of the UF community and his presence will be deeply missed.

We encourage all FSU-GAU members to contact GAU with any concerns regarding inappropriate or dishonest interactions with faculty members by emailing grievance@fsugau.org.

If you or someone you know is struggling, please do not hesitate to contact the FSU Counseling Center or call the National Suicide Hotline, 1-800-273-8255.

FSU-GAU advocates for the interests of its members and all graduate assistants at Florida State University