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**Statement on Behalf of Professor John Comaroff**

The Harvard Graduate Student Union's new petition calling upon the Harvard Law School to "de-list" Professor John Comaroff's course from its fall curriculum is a horrifying attempt to force Harvard to impose further discipline upon Professor Comaroff for conduct that its thorough Title IX process found did not occur.

Harvard thoroughly investigated allegations against Professor Comaroff and found him responsible for exactly two of the multitude of allegations leveled against him in the complaints filed by Ms. Czerwienski, Ms. Kilburn, and Ms. Mandava. It found that he had engaged in "sexual harassment" by warning Ms. Kilburn of risks that could attend her plan to travel openly with her same-sex partner while conducting fieldwork in Cameroon—advice that multiple faculty witnesses in the Title IX investigation agreed was both appropriate and necessary. And, in a second investigation, it found that he had made statements to Ms. Mandava about rumors about him that she interpreted as threatening, though it did not find that he had intended his comments as a threat. Harvard did *not* find him responsible for retaliation against any of the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs' amended complaint makes numerous other lurid allegations. Of those, some were investigated, very thoroughly, and found to be unsupported by the evidence. (In particular, Harvard's investigation found Professor Comaroff not responsible for allegations that he kissed or improperly touched Ms. Kilburn.) The remainder have not been proved or even investigated, and their credibility is extremely doubtful. Many are alleged only upon "information and belief," meaning upon second-hand information. The vast majority lack any identifying detail.

It is shocking that an employee union is calling for a Harvard employee to be summarily punished and cast out of the University community based upon allegations that the University's process found him not responsible for or that have never been investigated. And it is shocking that signatories to the union's petition, including law students and a law professor, would join in this demand to substitute mob justice for due process. Everyone who works, studies, and teaches at Harvard – including the signatories to this petition – should be gravely concerned by the idea that untested accusations should lead, without investigation, to serious adverse actions like those demanded in this petition.

We believe that many signatories are not in full possession of the facts, even those that are publicly available. Harvard's motion seeking summary judgment as to Ms. Kilburn's allegation that the investigator improperly obtained her therapy records and shared them without her consent refutes these claims with voluminous, now publicly accessible documentary evidence. This thorough rebuttal should give pause to anyone accepting all of the lawsuit's claims at face value.