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**Statement from the Faculty Senate Tri-Chairs on Current Events in Iran**

As the Tri-Chairs of the Faculty Senate, we vigorously condemn the state violence perpetrated against civil society and protestors since the death of Masha Amini, who died on September 16, 2022, while in the custody of the morality police of Iran.

In particular, we condemn the repression and violence committed against students and professors on university grounds, such as those of Sharif University of Technology in Tehran.

We stand in solidarity with our Penn colleagues, postdocs, students, staff, and alumni who are deeply affected by these events and affirm the higher education values of freedom of thought, inquiry, speech, and lawful assembly.

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