

We, as the AS Board, recognize, with current the political climate of the country, students of specific ethnic and religious identities have felt more unsafe than ever. Our Muslim students in particular have felt uncomfortable on campus because of messages that have been present on campus over the past few months. These messages have consisted of posters and graffiti that have been found on three separate occasions between August 2017 and October 2017. The AS Board recognizes that this is among many other anti-Islamic messages that may go unnoticed or unpublicized across campus. The AS Board calls attention to the fact that while much of the anti-Islamic sentiment present in the community and the country as a whole has increased since the change in national administration, these are attitudes that have been present as part of a system of white supremacy that has existed since this country began.

We call upon our counterparts in university administration to address anti-Islamic sentiment present through a dedicated and centralized response network that collaborates with Muslim students, staff, and faculty on campus to create an environment of comfortability and safety across campus. Part of this includes taking meaningful steps to not only help students feel safe, but also to condemn bigotry and state the seriousness of the issue.

Moving forward, we as the AS Board resolve to hold university officials, ourselves, and the campus community accountable for creating a welcoming space for Muslim students, staff and faculty. Furthermore, we ask the administration of the university to keep in their minds the ways that we are readily accepting marginalized students to campus without addressing their needs.