

Associated Students of Western Washington University

Board of Directors

A Resolution Regarding Antisemitism on Campus

5/25/18

WHEREAS, with our country's current political climate, discriminatory acts against religious and ethnic groups have become more blatant and prominent;

WHEREAS, specifically, there have been several bigoted acts committed against the Jewish population here at Western Washington University;

WHEREAS, these acts have consisted of drawing a swastika outside of a faculty member's office, and two separate incidents of vandalizing books in the Jewish Studies section of Wilson library. Additionally, the AS Board acknowledges that these are only three incidents of the many that may go unreported or unpublicized;

WHEREAS, the AS Board recognizes that while these are blatant acts of Antisemitism on campus, they contribute to a larger issue of Antisemitism across the country that still exists;

WHEREAS, we recognize the university's efforts in making a Task Force on Preventing and Responding to Antisemitism and we implore the university to continue taking steps to act upon the recommendations given by the committee;

WHEREAS, we cannot begin to call ourselves a university dedicated to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion if we do not work to build an environment from the foundation that is accommodating and safe for those with marginalized identities;

BE IT RESOLVED, we as the AS Board of WWU resolve to hold university officials, ourselves, and the campus community accountable for creating a welcoming space for students, staff, and faculty who identify as Jewish;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, we resolve to work with university officials to further implement the recommendations made by the Task Force on Preventing and Responding to Antisemitism and continue to improve upon their efforts to address antisemitic behavior on a national scale.

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