

We, the AS Board of WWU, recognize, with our country's current political climate, discriminatory acts against religious and ethnic groups have become more blatant and prominent. Specifically, there have been several bigoted acts committed against the Jewish population here at Western Washington University. 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. The AS Board would like to recognize that while these are blatant acts of anti-semitism, they contribute to a larger issue of anti-Jewish sentiment across the country that still exists, even if it may not be easily identifiable.

While we recognize the university's efforts to be proactive in making a Task Force on Preventing and Responding to Antisemitism, we implore the university to continue take steps to act upon the recommendations given by the committee. 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.

Moving forward, 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. Furthermore, we resolve to work with university officials to further implement the recommendations made by the Task Force on Preventing and Responding to Anti-Semitism.