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Student Representative Assembly stands in solidarity with Muslim students

HAMILTON - At the February 26, 2017 meeting of the Student Representative Assembly (SRA), student leaders unanimously voted to adopt a motion of solidarity and support for Muslim identifying students attending McMaster University. The MSU remains committed to fostering a campus free of racism, discrimination and bigotry, in all forms, for the benefit of all students.

The SRA motion reads:

Moved by Farah, seconded by Shingleton-Smith that the Assembly adopt the following:

- Whereas the United States government recently attempted to issue a travel ban targeting countries with large Muslim populations;
- Whereas an islamophobic terrorist attack was committed on Canadian soil in a Mosque in Québec City on January 29, 2017 that killed 6 Muslims;
- Whereas McMaster University and its surrounding area has a sizeable population of students, faculty, staff and community members who identify as Muslim;
- Whereas the McMaster Students Union will not tolerate acts or comments that perpetuate hate or Islamophobia against Muslims on campus, as the union exists and operates within an anti-racist, anti-oppressive framework;
- Whereas the McMaster Students Union will continue to take action towards building and creating a safer and more inclusive environment for marginalized groups on campus;
- Whereas hate speech and intolerance of any form whether it manifest itself on campus, social media, or in the public domain is condemned by the student union;

Be It Resolved That: the McMaster Students Union stands in solidarity with Muslim identifying students on campus.

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