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Student Representative Assembly stands in solidarity with Jewish students

HAMILTON – At the March 26, 2017 meeting of the Student Representative Assembly (SRA), student leaders unanimously voted to adopt a motion of solidarity and support for Jewish 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 Lightstone, seconded by Kula that the following statement be adopted:

Whereas McMaster University and the surrounding area have recently experienced several anti-Semitic incidents;
Whereas Jews have been the most targeted group for hate based crimes in Hamilton and Toronto for the past several years, despite the low population proportion;
Whereas Jews have historically been targeted for imprisonment, extermination, and religious persecution across the world;
Whereas McMaster University and its surrounding areas have a sizeable population of students, faculty, staff and community members who belong to the Jewish faith;
Whereas the McMaster Students Union must not tolerate acts or comments that perpetuate hate or anti-Semitism against Jews on campus, as the union exists and operates within an anti-racist, anti-oppressive framework;
Whereas the McMaster Students Union must 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 students’ union;

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

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