

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

A Sense of the Senate on calling on President Joseph E. Aoun to condemn white supremacy and fascism.

Whereas: Fascist and white supremacist organizing material being found in the Snell Library, AND

Whereas: White supremacy and fascism thrive on dividing populations against one another, look to diminish the rights of minority groups in society, and perpetuate a superior-inferior complex between social-identity groups; AND

Whereas: The rise of white supremacy has ascended all over the globe and has threatened the safety and livelihoods of minority communities in their places of residency, worship, and work; AND

Whereas: Northeastern University prides itself on its diversity within the student body; AND

Whereas: “The University seeks to provide a supportive environment that is conducive to learning, the pursuit of truth, the exchange of knowledge, the intellectual development of students, and the general good of society.”¹; AND

Whereas: Students from minority communities feel unsafe on campus due to the presence of White Supremacists; AND

Whereas: President Joseph E. Aoun nor any other University office has made any official comment regarding the threat of white supremacy and fascist ideology in higher education; AND

Whereas: Ignoring the issue of white supremacy and fascism on campus accentuates the issue itself due the normalizing effect of silence permitting the presence of white supremacist and fascist rhetoric

Be It Resolved That:

It is the Sense of the Senate that President Joseph E. Aoun should issue a statement condemning white supremacy and fascism on our campus and to inform the campus

¹ Northeastern University Student Hand Book (2019-2020)

community of the University's plans to safeguard our institution from the effects of propaganda intended to advance hateful and exclusionary rhetoric on campus and online. The Senate also calls on President Aoun to elaborate on Northeastern's plans to advance our pillars of Diversity and Inclusion through increased racial and ethno-religious literacy amongst our students, faculty, and staff.

Respectfully submitted to the Senate with the recommendation of Senator Joshua Roller with Students-At-Large Elizabeth Torres and James J. Lyons IV on behalf of the Latin American Student Organization and the Northeastern Student of Color Caucus, respectively.