

**Resolution Censuring President Trump for Racist Attacks that encourage violence, including several on congressmen/women of Color:**

Stony Brook University includes a diverse campus community of faculty, staff, and students that includes descendents of slaves, of indigenous genocide survivors, of immigrants, of migrants, and of refugees. Our campus community also welcomes students, their families, and UUP members from across the globe who are not US citizens and here on student or work visas. Every year during admissions season, commencement, sporting events, homecoming, and many other events, potential students, family, and friends visit our campus. These tens of thousands of diverse people, many of whom are 1st generation immigrants deserve a safe and welcoming environment.

As trade unionists, we are strongly committed to the unity of all working people, of all races, creeds, genders, and abilities, in the struggle for social justice. We fight to ensure that this campus is a place of hope, opportunity, and safety for working people and for students of all backgrounds. In the current climate we work to hold the US accountable to its historic claim to make this country a refuge for those fleeing persecution and calamity across the world. We also recognize that this claim is predicated on the occupation of Indigenous land and erasure of Indigenous cultures and lifeways and on the theft of Black labor through chattel slavery and the ongoing dehumanization of people of color.

We feel compelled to speak out against this Administration's s offensive, racist, and dangerous attacks on Congressmembers Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib, Ayanna Pressley, Ilhan Omar, and Elija Cummings. The demand that Ocasio-Cortez, Tlaib, Pressley and Omar, all women of color and all citizens of this country, be "sent back" to the countries they came from, represents a dangerous implication that these people are disposable or unworthy of US citizenship. The president's ongoing use of dehumanizing language against people of color generally, and about immigrants in particular, has placed our nation on a dangerous precipice. We must reject this xenophobic language, and the characterization of communities of color as "rat infested". These are despicable taunts that tap into a history of white supremacist violence and hatred of immigrants and people of color. This language places the life of Congresswoman Omar in particular danger. As one of the few Muslim members of congress, she regularly receives death threats from white supremacists. It is disgraceful that the president is encouraging extremist groups, many of whom are armed, with racist comments from the Oval Office, and with hate filled chants at his campaign rallies.

In the face of such racism, we cannot remain silent. The actions taken by our current US President and his Administration make our campus community less safe as white supremacist violence, hate crimes, and persecution are on the rise in the USA and around the world. Our students and fellow UUP members come to Stony Brook to enrich their minds and join a diverse intellectual community. We must ensure that SBU and this country offer safe havens for all people.

Be it resolved, therefore, that the Stony Brook UUP Center campus chapter condemns the hateful and racist rhetoric of the President of the United States. We call upon other unions, elected officials from both major political parties, community organizations, legislative bodies, and individuals to issue similar condemnations. As union members, we must stand together to denounce this behavior, in solidarity with people of all races, genders, ethnicities, and religions.