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S.A. Resolution #42

Creating an Investigation into Hindu and Muslim Chaplaincies on Campus

ABSTRACT: Given the current political climate, Hindu and Muslim students feel marginalized and under-supported, without proper representation on campus. This resolution recommends creating a task force through the Office of the Dean of Students and Cornell United Religious Work to investigate bringing Hindu and Muslim chaplains to provide such representation and to support these communities.

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Whereas, given the political climate, and recent attacks on American Hindus and Muslims, Hindu and Muslim students have felt marginalized and precarious on campus;

Whereas, Muslim and Hindu organizations on campus are treated as clubs with SAFC funding, and as a result, have limited capacity to bring religious authority figures and speakers to campus. This inhibits proper development in identity and support;

Whereas, religious life is a major component in Hindu and Muslim identities and mental health on campus, and the lack of guidance prevents the ability for students to fully engage with their faith;

Whereas, peer institutions such as Harvard, Princeton, Brown, and Georgetown, among others have recently funded and hired Hindu and Muslim chaplains as a response to the current climate and the need for Hindu and Muslim students to have representation and support on campus;

Whereas, of the 28 chaplains in CURW currently, almost all are from Judeo-Christian faiths, while none represent are representative of Hindus and Muslims, despite the sizable population of Hindus and Muslims on campus;

Whereas, Hindu and Muslim students are not represented when decisions are made regarding Anabel Taylor Hall and the use of space dedicated to religious organizations;

Whereas, the nearest formally staffed established places of worship for Hindus and Muslims are about an hour away from Ithaca;

Whereas, Hindu and Muslim students do not have the proper training to support or teach others about their religion and speak about cultural issues. Most courses on campus about Hindu and Muslim culture and religion are not taught by practicing Hindus and Muslims;

Whereas, Hindu and Muslim students were told by CURW that in order to obtain a chaplaincy, they would have to independently find upwards of \$1 million for permanent chaplaincy positions;

Whereas, nationally scaled religious organizations and foundations for Hindu and Muslim students, such as the Hindu Students' Council and Muslim Students' Association, are too decentralized to provide funding and support for chaplaincy positions;

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47 Whereas, the university has the means to identify donors who would be willing to help fund
48 chaplaincies for Hindu and Muslim students, but has refused to do so;
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50 Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly recommends that the Dean of Students and
51 Cornell United Religious Work create a task force to investigate instituting a Hindu chaplain and a
52 Muslim chaplain on campus;
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54 Be it further resolved, that the task force support Hindu and Muslim students in finding donors and
55 fundraising options in order to hire chaplains;
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57 Be it further resolved, that the task force investigates how classes with religious elements represent
58 and reflect upon beliefs of practicing students on campus;
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60 Be it further resolved, that the task force investigates possibilities of funding sources going directly
61 to religious organizations in order to provide them the bandwidth to bring religious figures and
62 scholars to campus;
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64 Be it finally resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to the Dean of Students, Vijay Pendakur, Vice
65 President of Student and Campus Life, Ryan Lombardi, and The Director of Cornell United
66 Religious Work, Kenneth Clarke.

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