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Statement on Toronto Nationalist Rally on campus

This past weekend, we have witnessed tragic violence and hate speech from White nationalists in Charlottesville, Virginia. On behalf of APUS, we would like to offer our support and solidarity to all those affected by these horrific acts of terrorism and white supremacy.

In light of these recent events in Charlottesville, we feel it is crucial to affirm our stance against white supremacy, racism and xenophobia. On behalf of APUS, we denounce acts of hatred against marginalized communities who have been historically and systemically oppressed. We oppose hate speech and all forms of discrimination including but not limited to racism, anti-black racism, anti-semitism, islamophobia, xenophobia, queerphobia and transphobia.

APUS wholeheartedly condemns the Canadian Nationalist Party's Toronto Rally, taking place on the St. George Campus on September 14, 2017, that perpetuates white supremacy, settler-colonialism, islamophobia and xenophobia within our campus community. It is clear these events stem from systemic racial oppression here on Turtle Island and in Toronto. All members of the University of Toronto community should have the right to participate, learn, and teach in an environment free from discrimination and harassment. APUS calls on the University of Toronto to condemn white supremacy on campus, including the Toronto Nationalist Rally, and to ensure the safety of all students, faculty, staff and community members. APUS will work collectively with other students and community members towards building safer and more inclusive campuses and communities.

In solidarity,

The APUS Executive Committee