DEPARTMENT OF AMERICAN CULTURE
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Islamophobia Working Group
Friday, October 28, 2016, 4pm
3512 Haven Hall

MISSION
Given the recent increase in anti-Arab and anti-Muslim sentiment internationally, the purpose of this group of faculty, staff, and students is to strategize on how to create a safe and inclusive campus environment for Arab, Muslim, and MENA students, staff, and faculty, and those who are impacted by anti-Arab and anti-Muslim sentiments (i.e. Sikh, etc.).

AGENDA
1. Introductions

2. Updates
   a) IWG report included in LSA's Strategic Plan for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Evelyn and Dahlia)
   b) Resource List has been useful to some students (Dahlia)
   c) Distribution of Climate Survey (Evelyn)
   d) Islamophobia/ISPU event next Tuesday (Evelyn)
   e) Student invited to LSA Teaching Academy last August (Marjorie, Tina, Nadine)
   f) Student Meeting from September 30th, updates on the five areas (see handout)
      - Bias Incident Reporting System
      - Hate Mail Policy (see handout)
      - Student Programming Funding
      - Reflection Spaces (Marjorie)
      - Distinct Category for MENA students
   g) Petition against SAFE and President's response
   h) Other updates?

3. Topics for discussion
   a. Marjorie Horton: What would be most helpful moving forward with implementing recommendations from the DEI plan, the IWG report, and the 5 high priority areas? How can the campus community and specific groups (e.g., faculty and GSIs, Res Hall staff, student orgs, etc.) best support Muslim students and other Muslims in our community as the election approaches and occurs?
   b. Abby Chien: Islamophobia Workshop
   c. Haleemah Aqel: Books Not Bombs Campaign
   d. Islamophobic, anti-Black, and other racist flyers on campus - student and community response?
   e. Other topics?

4. What to do from here? Identifying our goals for the semester or academic year and planning ahead.