

## University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point

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To Whom it May Concern,

On January 21st, 2024, a group of masked individuals displayed anti semantic memorabilia on the side of a residence hall at UW-Whitewater while shouting numerous slurs and derogatory phrases towards the Jewish community. The group was also shouting praises to Adolf Hitler while rendering the Nazi salute. This heinous act has left students both horrified and concerned for their safety. Similar instances have been seen at UW-Madison; last November there were reports of students also using anti semantic language. Regardless of differing levels of severity, these instances are completely unacceptable.

The University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (UWSP), The Student Government Association (SGA) stands in solidarity with the victims of these past events, as well as all victims of hate crimes and acts of violence. We firmly believe that there should be no tolerance of hate towards any group of people, especially on our college campuses. We want to express our anger and disgust with the events that took place at our sister institutions. In a time where equity, diversity and inclusion have become less about human rights and more about politics, we call on our government officials, both state and local, the Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents, and The Administration of all UW Campuses, to ensure that our campuses are a safe and inclusive space for all.

Sincerely,

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