Resolution in Support of a Muslim Chaplain

WHEREAS

The number of Muslim students and academic interest in Islam is significant and constantly increasing at Williams;

WHEREAS

Williams College places a great deal of interest in supporting all segments of our increasing diverse community as stated in the Williams College mission statement;

WHEREAS

Current institutional support for Muslim students does not meet their spiritual needs and will continue to be insufficient for this growing community;

WHEREAS

Muslim students cannot provide for their own spiritual needs and a Muslim Chaplain would be able to provide the spiritual guidance that the Muslim community needs to support itself on campus;

WHEREAS

The College highly encourages its community to learn and reflect on the increasing complexity and diversity of the world as stated in the Williams College mission statement;

WHEREAS

It is becoming increasingly necessary for leaders of tomorrow to have a better understanding of Islam in our contemporary world and there would be much to gain by providing the campus a source of Islamic knowledge;

WHEREAS

A Muslim Chaplain would be the source of knowledge for future generations of students and faculty, in addition to serving as the spiritual guide for the Muslim community;

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Williams College Council respectfully requests that:

1. Williams College hire a Muslim Chaplain in light of these pressing issues

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Yea: 20
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0