



RUSA Resolution F18-6

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Resolution to Denounce the Decision to Bring Lisa Daftari as an Undergraduate Academic Affairs Speaker

Whereas, the Undergraduate Academic Affairs (UAA) Speaker Series is funded by the Academic Affairs Department at Rutgers University— New Brunswick (hereby referred to as the University), in the portion of 30% of the University Operating Budget that comes from Student Tuition and Fees¹;

Whereas, speakers like Lisa Daftari have been brought to speak as a part of the UAA Speaker Series without gauging meaningful input from students at the University;

Whereas, Lisa Daftari has a history of inciting and encouraging rhetoric that marginalizes minority groups, specifically the Muslim community, which represent a significant portion of the Rutgers undergraduate community;

Whereas, it is important to spark thought-provoking conversations, but they cannot be made at the expense of minority groups on campus, especially when these conversations may be funded by the undergraduate student body;

Be it hereby resolved, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) stands in solidarity with Muslim organizations and students across campus and condemns the decision to bring Lisa Daftari as an administratively sponsored speaker to Rutgers University— New Brunswick and endorse any opposition event to the Daftari speech hosted by organizations in the Muslim community.

¹ <https://www.rutgers.edu/about/budget-facts>