

## Letter Supporting AU Students Engaged in Post-Election Protest (updated 11/5/20, 19:00 EST)

No one knows what will happen following the November 3 U.S. presidential election. There is a significant chance that demonstrations and other forms of activism calling for social justice and democracy will be a regular part of the days and weeks after the election. If this does occur, we expect that many AU students will want to participate in and lead such efforts.

In the spirit of AU's longstanding commitment to political engagement, the undersigned faculty, staff, and administrators pledge to deepen our support for students engaged in social justice activism and organizing after the election. We understand that there are times when events and issues outside the classroom are more important than work inside the classroom. This is clearly such a time.

Specifically, faculty among us commit to adjusting course expectations as necessary if student activities in urgent defense of democracy interfere with coursework. This could include providing extensions for assignments, granting excused absences, being prepared for unexpected absences (e.g., due to imprisonment or injury), and other course accommodations for students whose attention may be rightly focused on issues beyond their classes.

We encourage other faculty to join us in supporting our students' social justice work in these and other ways. We likewise encourage staff and administrators to support students in every way they can at this critical moment in U.S. history.

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