



The UOSU is deeply concerned and disturbed by the [ongoing discriminatory treatment of racialized students](#) on the University of Windsor's campus. The UOSU is particularly concerned by the handling of Mr. Jordan Afolabi's case and the unfair restrictions placed on him, exposing a deep lack of racial sensitivity within the administration. We stand in solidarity with the [demands of Mr. Afolabi](#), the Black Law Students' Association of Windsor, the Black Law Students' Association of Canada, and the [York Union of Graduate Students Association \(YUGSA\)](#). We support their [demands for justice](#) and unconscious and conscious biases training for all staff to fight systemic, anti-black racism.

Jordan Afolabi is a black UWindsor student, who was wrongfully arrested following an [unprovoked attack](#) resulting from an unintentional bump. Not only was Jordan wrongfully arrested, incarcerated and villainized, Jordan was suspended from his classes, banned from campus and an investigation was opened into whether or not Jordan would be expelled from the University. Jordan was failed by his administration, particularly [Danieli Arbex](#) (the University of Windsor's Academic Integrity Officer and in-house Misconduct Investigator) and [Ryan Flannagan](#) (the University's Associate Vice President of Student Experience), even being [denied access to treatment](#) when showing early symptoms of appendicitis.

Despite Jordan going to great lengths to demonstrate that he had been attacked and that the criminal allegations against him were fabricated, and a decision being made that Jordan had not violated the student code of conduct, he was still deemed a safety risk and [treated as a threat by his administration](#). This is a common theme within educational institutions, which continue to perpetuate anti-black racism through over-policing, the use of disproportionate physical force and the leveraging of institutional structures. Black students are constantly treated with suspicion and discrimination, while being held to harsher disciplinary standards than their non-racialized peers.



As institutions of the 21st century, and centres of higher education, universities and their administrations have a responsibility to create and maintain spaces that guarantee fair and non-discriminatory treatment for all students. Clear action is needed from the administration. Additionally, we support the [calls of the UWSA](#) for a thorough inquiry into the condition of discrimination faced by black UWindsor students and the collection and reporting of race-based data on student discipline rates.

In Solidarity,

The UOSU Executive Committee