

**Letter-To-The-Editor
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“Wofford’s Responsibility”

The Dec. 26 commentary by John Burbage was spot-on regarding the Wofford English Department making unsubstantiated accusations of systemic racism among the entire Wofford community and falsely painting activist alumni with the same brush of racial intolerance.

Wofford President Dr. Nayef Samhat’s silence, by default, condoned those statements, and his implementation of biased anti-racism programs for students and faculty have justifiably upset loyal Wofford alumni.

Does the topic “Anti-Racism 101: An Anti-Racist Tool Kit” offer a balanced discussion on positive ways to solve relationships?

Does the narrative “A political activist tool that offers skills that challenge white supremacy and mobilize communities of action” sound conciliatory?

Does the English Department’s “Concern about a cycle of racial violence on our students and colleagues at Wofford” sound like an open-minded liberal arts commitment to searching for truth ?

This generation of students at Wofford is the most race-tolerant group of students in the history of the school.

Why do they need to be re-educated on social injustices? Dr. Samhat’s emphasis on identity politics parallels the national hysteria on race and can create more polarization than unity on campus.

When did the Wofford administration and faculty get the moral authority to apply their own litmus test to determine the degree of racism among the students? What happened to “academic responsibility”?

The administration is wasting thousands of dollars adding equity personnel and propaganda programs when those dollars could be better spent funding financial aid scholarships for needy students.

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