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UFF adopts statement regarding al-Arian trial

The United Faculty of Florida (UFF) Senate adopted the following statement during its recent statewide spring meeting:

    The United States of America is and must be a nation of laws, and the legal process must be serious, rational and equitable. So we are dismayed by the degradation of the process in the upcoming case of the United States of America versus Sami al-Arian, et al.

    A denial of due process to anyone is a threat to us all. And so for the sake of the rule of law and the protection of American rights and liberties, we call for a full and fair trial of the case of Sami al-Arian, even if that entails moving the trial to a different state.

The United Faculty of Florida represents faculty, graduate assistants and professionals at all 11 state universities, community colleges and private institutions throughout Florida. The UFF Senate is the governing body of the union, charged with setting organizational policy and priorities.

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