

# Former AG Sessions calls for moving past Mueller report



Protesters gather on a green near Johnson Chapel, where former attorney general Jeff Sessions is speaking, at Amherst College in Amherst, Mass., Wednesday, April 24, 2019. (AP Photo/Jessica Hill)

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AMHERST, Mass. — Former Attorney General Jeff Sessions on Wednesday said it is time to move past special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation and "get on with the business of America."

Sessions urged confidence in the system during a lecture at Amherst College, a private liberal arts school in western Massachusetts.

"The process was followed and a decision has now been rendered. I think it deserves respect," he said. "I think it's about time to accept the results and let's get on with the business of America."

President Donald Trump's former attorney general said that Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in U.S. elections was "carried out vigorously and with integrity."

He said Congress does have oversight power but he believes it is time to accept that Mueller declined to recommend criminal charges against the president. Some Democrats have called for impeachment proceedings against Trump in light of the report that left open whether the president broke the law.

The event in a campus chapel was hosted by Amherst College Republicans, and it was interrupted by demonstrators who stood up in the front rows and walked out soon after Sessions began speaking. Sessions said the protest was not nearly as disruptive as one he faced last week at a university in Minnesota.

Campus free speech was a theme of his talk, and the former U.S. senator from Alabama said the disrespect he faced as a young Republican at Huntingdon College in Alabama pales in comparison to what young conservatives face at

colleges today.

“My impression is college Republicans nationwide are having a harder time today, facing more hostility, even bullying,” he said, prompting laughter from some students.

One student asked Sessions afterward if he was contributing to polarization by suggesting in his remarks that the faculty at Amherst is overwhelmingly liberal. In response, Sessions said, ““It’s hard to polarize a college that’s pretty one-sided.”

Sessions said he also stood by his decision to recuse himself from the Russia investigation. As somebody who had been involved in the Trump campaign and was a potential witness in the investigation, he said it did not make sense for him to remain in authority over the investigation.

“I have the greatest confidence in the integrity of our system,” he said.

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