Free Speech Zone Display

“Just because George Mason wrote the Virginia Declaration of Rights is no reason to expect that your rights will be protected at the university bearing his name.” This is the first sentence of a document entitled “Where do You Draw the Line on Free Speech?” written by the Students Against Restricted Speech that was posted above a free speech zone display outside of the Johnson Center. The document went on to say “Witness the ‘Free Speech Zone,’ a rectangular area delineated by the Johnson Center, Robinson, the clock and the statue of Mason himself.” To further prove their point, the Students Against Restricted Speech outlined the entire area using chalk. The purpose of this display was to encourage students to express their opinions about this issue to the recently formed University Police Review Task Force, which was formed during the Tariq Khan investigation.