Re: MSU UCI Board | Please Read: Plans for Monday Demonstration

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From: Sarah Larbah

Date: Sun, 7 Feb 2010 14:18:44 -0800
To: @googlegroups.com

I can print the statements and paste them on index cards

Sarah

2010/2/7 Mohamed Abdelgany

Thanks for the responses guys. not too sure about responding to him as that opens the door for sloppiness in this demonstration and there are already enough variables of randomness here. i think he will eventually be trying to ignore us after the first few to maintain the program and if he starts just reacting to us, then the program will have essentially been taken over.

i also just want to echo that the audience will def be trying to intimidate you and yell at you so remain resolved and DO NOT react to them.

also to clarify, nondisruptors will obviously want to cheer after a disruptor is either drowned out, being escorted out or finishes his point.

finally, we need someone thats down to take the statements, print them out, and paste them on index cards for tomorrow inshaAllah. any takers?

Mohamed

From: msu-uci-board@googlegroups.com [mailto: @googlegroups.com] On Behalf Of MSU UCI Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2010 6:44 PM @googlegroups.com Subject: MSU UCI Board | ~ Week 6 E-calendar ~ Winter '10 ~ Welcome back! We pray that this finds you in the best of health. Make sure to check out www.msu-uci.com for updates and a ton of other cool stuff!! Below are the events for Week 6: MONDAY SPECIAL EVENT Explore UCI Day--MSU Style! Cross Cultural Center 10am-3pm Please come and meet the local high schools. They need us to be there, this is a chance to really help strengthen our community's future. Come hear talks and enjoy with high-schoolers. :: For more information please contact - Sumayya Khan at or Madiha Shahabuddin at URGENT MEETING Emergency MSU Meeting - Planning for Israeli Ambassador's event Cross Cultural Center at 3 pm A MUST FOR EVERYONE ATTENDING THE EVENING EVENT :: For more information please contact - Br. Mohamed Abdelgany at :: For questions/suggestions please contact us :: Follow MSU on Twitter at www.twitter.com/msuuci :: Always feel free to contact Br. Mohamed Abdelgany with any questions, ideas, or comments at in person during his office hours on Tuesdays from 11am-1pm at the Cross Cultural Center! We look forward to seeing everyone throughout the week! And be sure to get involved!! MSU-UCI Visit: www.msu-uci.com

	Down Brothers Needed! The fu	uture of MSU depends on it!
From: Mohamed Abdelgany	У	
Date: 2/7/2010 8:09 PM	0-1	
To: Adeeb Saiduddin Kazmi	Aslam Akhta Yousef Haider	
Kaziffi	Omar Elsayed	Mohamed Abdelgany Omar Zarka
	Osama Shabaik	Shehryar Masood
	Sandy Grewal	Yousef Awaida
CC: Adil Hussain		
No one approve any more e NOT a safe list.	emails for this thread relating to	o the ambassador event this is
On Sun, Feb 7, 2010 at 8:03 PM, A	Adil Hussain	wrote:
To give them a REAL taste of MS	U, we should have them stay with	us during the Ambassador event.
This is a serious suggestion, we co MSU.	ould use them to take up seats and t	hey will REALLY be blown away by
Seriously, see if it can happen.		
On Sun, Feb 7, 2010 at 6:50 PM, Chere's the schedule, just try to be the		wrote:
9 to 10 amPick Ups/Rides (if nee	eded)	
10 amArrival and Breakfast/Sna	cks (MEET AT THE FLAGPOLE	S)
11 amIce Breaker/Games 11:30 amUCI Campus TourM	ISU STYLE!	
12:15 pmCollege Admissions In	fo Session	
1:00 pmPrayer	• ,	
1:30 pmLunch	ī.	
2:30 pmBrothers' and Sisters' Dis	scussions	

3:30 pm---Prayer

4:00ish pm---drop offs (if needed)

On Sun, Feb 7, 2010 at 5:05 PM, Shehryar Masood

wrote:

Owais im down.

I remember like last time there was some dude that looked like me and Aslam made me take a picture with him shehryar

On Sun, Feb 7, 2010 at 4:51 PM, Owais Ahmad

wrote:

On Monday, there will be a group of high school students coming to UCI for the Explore UCI event. Some of them will be sisters, and some of them will be bros. Now, there are a lot of MSU sisters coming out, but for our high school bros, we need the college brothers to make them feel more comfortable during their stay here. There are a few brothers who are already volunteering their time and effort, but we need guys to come and hang out with them during the time in between events, and during the bros discussion.

I remember when I was in high school and I visited UCI, there were guys just hanging around, and I felt like, for a day, I was part of the MSU. This is how I want the high school guys that come to feel while they're here. So basically, you don't have to make any kind of time commitment, but before the Ambassador event, just try to hang out around the Cross, and with the guests. Also, if you're there during the discussion, try to sit down and join in the discussion. InshAllah, that'll make them feel more comfortable and more willing to open up during the discussion. Remember, these guys could be future MSU members, so lets try and treat them like MSU bros.

Thanks, Owais

-Adil Syed Hussain

Re: [elected board] Re: media spin crew:)

Subject: Re: [elected board] Re: media spin crew:)

From: Ali Sayeed

Date: 2/7/2010 8:17 PM

To: Mohamed Abdelgany

CC: msuucielec

Aminah Galal

Amānï

Yousef Haider

Houda Chamma

Yasmin Nouh

Yazeed Ibrahim

some possible corrections....

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condemned by more UN Human Rights Council resolutions than all other countries in the world combined.

Maybe condemned for the violation of more UN human rights resolutions?

One year after the horrific massacres committed by Israel and its Defense Force under wide global condemnation, the Israeli propaganda machinery, led by the Israeli ambassador in the United States, has launched PR campaigns aiming to polish the ugly face of the IDF.

Pluralize defense force (defense forces)
Israeli propaganda machine (instead of machinery)

One year after murdering more than 1400 people in Gaza, the vast majority of whom are civilians

Were civilians

In addition, these campaigns aim to continue to secure more than three billion dollars of American taxpayer's money that supports Israeli's criminal military forces on annual basis.

Maybe American taxpayer <u>dollars</u> On <u>an</u> annual basis

yet we can continue to afford supplying Israel with billions of dollars worth of brutal weapons used to oppress and inflict suffering on the Palestinian people.

Yet we continue to supply Israel with billions of dollars worth of brutal weapons which are used to oppress and inflict suffering on the Palestinian people.

As students at the University of California, Irvine, as we cherish and respect freedom of speech, we refuse to grant Israeli officials the rights they deprive innocent people from enjoying.

University of California, Irvine, we cherish and and respect freedom of speech, and refuse... (take out first we and replace second we with and?)

Oren has also been an outspoken supporter of the recent Israeli brutal attacks on Gaza, standing in the way of international law and justice by refusing to cooperate with the United Nation's Goldstone Report: a fact-finding mission endorsed by the UN Human Rights Council that accuses Israel of committing war crimes and possible crimes against humanity in the last Gaza war.

...recent brutal Israeli attacks (put brutal before Israel)

...UN human rights council that <u>condemns</u> Israel <u>for</u> committing war crimes and possible crimes against humanity in the last Gaza war. ?

Oren and his partners should only be granted a speakers platform in the International Criminal Court and not on our campuses.

...International Criminal Court, not on our campuses (replace and with a,)?

On Sun, Feb 7, 2010 at 6:25 PM, Mohamed Abdelgany

wrote:

great points but maybe could use a little rewording and sentence restructuring here and there. will try to go through it again sometime tonight or tom. in the meantime, everyone else please dont hesitate to jump in.

mohamed

On Sun, Feb 7, 2010 at 3:31 PM, Zizo Sartawi

wrote:

Below is a proposed press release (which could be the letters with slight changes). Please feel free to reply back with comments/ proposed changes/ whatever is on your mind (is it too long?). It has to be perfected by tonight.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Ambassador Michael B. Oren visits UCI

(Orange County, United States, 2/8/10) – The members of the Muslim Student Union at the University of California, Irvine, condemn and strongly oppose the presence of Michael Oren, ambassador of Israel to the United States, on our campus today. Cosponsored by the Law School at UC Irvine, the Israeli ambassador has been invited to speak on our campus, perhaps for representing a state that continues to break international and humanitarian law with disregard to human and moral rights, condemned by more UN Human Rights Council resolutions than all other countries in the world combined.

One year after the horrific massacres committed by Israel and its Defense Force under wide global condemnation, the Israeli propaganda machinery, led by the Israeli ambassador in the United States, has launched PR campaigns aiming to polish the ugly face of the IDF. One year after murdering more than 1400 people in Gaza, the vast majority of whom are civilians, including more than 400 women and children, Israel is attempting to wash the blood off its hand and hide the war crimes it has committed behind deceitful faces of so-called "academics" and "diplomats." In addition, these campaigns aim to continue to secure more than three billion dollars of American taxpayer's money that supports Israeli's criminal military forces on annual basis. We are undergoing the worst economic recession since the great depression, our tuition as UC students is increasing by more than 30% this year, our classes and services are being cut, yet we can continue to afford supplying Israel with billions of dollars worth of brutal weapons used to oppress and inflict suffering on the Palestinian people.

As people of conscience, we oppose Michael Oren's invitation to our campus. Oren is part of a war machine that has repeatedly attacked and destroyed Palestinian educational institutions, including more than 37 primary and secondary schools just in last year's Gaza war, depriving innocent people the right to learn and enjoy academic freedoms such as the freedom of speech. As students at the University of California, Irvine, as we cherish and respect freedom of speech, we refuse to grant Israeli officials the rights they deprive innocent people from enjoying.

Michael Oren is no diplomatic or academic figure that deserves respect in a prestigious academic institution. He has personally participated in the Israeli Defense Force's wars in Lebanon and Palestine, being part of a culture that is based on terrorizing the innocent; killing their people, demolishing their homes, stealing their land, humiliating their elderly and weak, and committing war crimes against them. Oren has served as a wartime paratroop officer in Lebanon and has volunteered as a military liaison officer during the attacks on Gaza last year. Oren has also been an outspoken supporter of the recent Israeli brutal attacks on Gaza, standing in the way of international law and justice by refusing to cooperate with the United Nation's Goldstone Report: a fact-finding mission endorsed by the UN Human Rights Council that accuses Israel of committing war crimes and possible crimes against humanity in the last Gaza war. Oren and his partners should only be granted a speakers platform in the International Criminal Court and not on our campuses.

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On Sun, Feb 7, 2010 at 1:28 PM, Ali Sayeed wrote: I am down to start working on a letter today, Yazeed let me know what I should do or what you need help on.
On Sun, Feb 7, 2010 at 1:27 PM, Aminah Galal wrote: This was by accident sent only to me.
On Sun, Feb 7, 2010 at 1:25 PM, Ali Sayeed wrote:
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On Sun, Feb 7, 2010 at 11:35 AM, Aminah Galal + Hadeer wrote:

Maybe for the article, and probably also the letters, it should be showing why its wrong for the school to sponsor such a person. And for the article specifically, also somehow showing support for those who condemn bringing the speaker. These are just random, scattered thoughts.

Also are we going to assign tasks to people? (it's tomorrow...)

On Sat, Feb 6, 2010 at 6:47 PM, Amānï wrote: Everyone,

Sorry for getting back to you late on this, I was at the Kababayan Conference all day

I'd love to help out in editing. If we get specific tasks then I might contribute a bit more -

So what are the main things that we need to address in our 1. Letters

- 2. Press Release
- 3. NewU?

I think from there on we can easily start the process

Amani

On Sat, Feb 6, 2010 at 1:48 PM, Aminah Galal wrote:

I think having everything done before monday is best. And we should split the work, but for writing the article and the letters, its probably easier to have one person for each, and then have people read it and edit. Because those would be harder to initially write in a group.

The press release might be easier with a group...but Hadeer would know about that more.

On Sat, Feb 6, 2010 at 12:48 PM, Zizo Sartawi Everyone.

Sorry for starting a new thread but the other one used my old email that I never check. (sorry for the long email too:)

So basically we are the people taking care of three things:

- (1) New U article(s): It seems like its too late to have anything in this week's paper as they told Aminah that they're full, however, since they said they are meeting the ambassador on Monday they might see that there is some student resistance to his visit and they might change their minds because it will be significant news. Therefore it would be great if we can send an article anyway tomorrow or early Monday just in case. If they don't publish it its totally fine we can have it or even two for the following week (the paper will likely have other articles supporting the fool).
- (2) **Press release**: this should be released during the event on the MSU's website with copies sent to the New U, OCRegister, the administration,.. (Hadeer has alot of experience with the media I'm sure).
- (3)2 Letters: One to the Law School and one to Social Sciences. Maybe we could just simply have the press release sent with slight modifications to the intro to suit the specific school?

So how does everyone think we should get things done asap (by tomorrow night)? maybe its a good idea to split the work? It is also possible to have multiple people working on the same thing because it's easy to combine different versions.

Important Note: Honestly this work is as important, if not more important, than whatever happens during the event. What we do will be the public face of UCI students who oppose this fool's visit. The media, locally and potentially nationally, will get our side through this work in the shape of quotes from the press release. The UCI community and administration will hear our story through the NewU and through letters. Only about 500 or so people will be at the event, but thousands will hear about it and we will get into a bigger battle of media spin. Therefore, lets take this stuff seriously and not underestimate our efforts.

Yazeed

Subject: [elected board] contacts

From: Hadeer

Date: 2/8/2010 7:13 AM

To: MSU Board

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these are the media and admin people who will be receiving the press release. please let me know if you think there's someone who should be added or taken out! the goal is to send all this stuff before i leave for my midterm...so like 10 am.

hadeer

OC REGISTER
Marla Jo Fisher
LA TIMES
Abdollah, Tami
RANDOM KPFK: "Don Bustany"
NEW U "newunews" "newuopinion"
ADMIN

Subject: read From: Mohamed Abdelgany Date: 2/8/2010 11:14 AM	
To: Sumayya Hussaini	Hadeer Soliman
Yasmin Nouh Osama Shabaik Adil Hussain	Aminah Galal Aslam Akhtar
plz do not share w/anyone. ill explain it at debriefin	g today ²
- Attachments:	
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Plan A: Pray first

Plan B: Pray in the middle

Nader Taher #2: Threatened (every 5 min)

Osama Yousef H Asaad Anas Ali S Mohamed Aslam

Shaheen Khalid Sayyid Nader Taher

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min)	min)	#1: No Threat (every 2 min)
Osama	Osama	Osama
Ali M	Yousef H	Ali M
Abraham	Asaad	Abraham
Hamza S	Anas	Hamza S
Abdulrahman	Ali S	Abdulrahman
Hedaya/Suleyman	Taher	Hedaya/Suleyman
Amal/Owais	Khalid	Amal/Owais
Ahmena/Yusuf S	Sayyid	Ahmena/Yusuf S
Omar E	Nader	Omar E
Nasir	Mohamed	Nasir
Jorje	Aslam	Jorje
Sandy		Sandy
Rayan		Rayan
Belal		Belal
Yousef H		Yousef H
Asaad		Asaad
Anas		Anas
Ali S		Ali S
Shaheen		Mohamed
Khalid		Aslam
Sayyid		(every 5 min)
Taher		Shaheen
Nader		Khalid
Mohamed		Sayyid

Mohamed, #1: Osama, #2: Aslam, #3: Adil

Aslam

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Group Leaders	Sumayya	Hadeer	Aminah	Yasmin
Reserves	Osama	Aslam	Yousef H	- Asaad
	Mohamed	Anas	Ali S	Sayyid
	Taher	Khalid	Shaheen	Nader
Disruptors	Ali M	Abraham	Hamza S	Abdulrahman
			Ahmena/Yusuf	100000000000000000000000000000000000000
	Hedaya/Suleyman	Amal/Owais	S	Omar E
	Nasir	Jorje	Sandy	Rayan
			Belal	

Names of Dead in Ghazza

Re: read

Subject: Re: read

From: Aslam Akhtar

Date: 2/8/2010 11:16 AM

To: Mohamed Abdelgany

did we ask jorge and abraham if theyre down for uncondition disruption? i think they wouyld..

On Mon, Feb 8, 2010 at 11:14 AM, Mohamed Abdelgany plz do not share w/anyone. ill explain it at debriefing today

wrote:

Subject: [elected board] press release take 2

From: Hadeer

Date: 2/8/2010 3:27 PM

To: Amir Malik MSU Board

here's the revised press release. it's been sent, so mohamed, if you could give amir the ok to post it that would be great. i'll be in class till 4.

Hadeer

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Contact:	
msu-uci.com	

Subject: MSU UCI Board | Time Sensitive

From: Mohamed Abdelgany

Date: 2/8/2010 11:33 PM **To:** "GG: MSU UCI Board"

sorry guys well send out a more elaborate email but just some very important quick notes:

- 1) if in any way, someone harassed you today or did anything to you, please please type it out and explain everything that happened. send that to me. actually please write everything you saw today anyways and send it over. nothing is considered too small.
- 2) remember MSU did not officially put this on... it was individual students
- 3) for all the people who took video please do your best to get it uploaded or sent to Suleyman Kazmi immediately
- 4) let's all keep ourselves in check. no matter what happens from now on... good or bad.

more elaborate email to come once we all get some shut-eye :)

mohamed

Visit: www.msu-uci.com

Subject: debrief minutes

From: Sumayya Fatima Hussaini

Date: Tue, 9 Feb 2010 05:57:06 -0800

To: Mohamed Abdelgany

attached

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- Logistically
 - o We did exactly what we wanted to do
- Outcome
 - We need to brace ourselves
- Yasmin harassed
 - o Everyone okay at the end of the day
 - But they realized she was the leader of the group and started attacking her without touching her
- The ambassador left for a while in the middle of the event but it looked stages
 - He looked genuinely angry though
 - He had trouble finishing his sentences after her came back to continue the speech
 - o Probably was planned someone warned a sister at the front of the room that MSU will be disrupting every 5 minutes
- When we started doing disruptions, there were people with cameras putting it in the sisters faces
- Bad distribution of brothers sisters were mostly isolated on the right side of the room, the bros were mostly on the left side so the sisters there were pretty safe
- Threats
 - o Sr.Hedaya got threatened by a guy
 - o Someone walked over to AbdulRahman and said "your all gonna die"
- One of the policeman even said that he cant guarantee our safety
- What should we have done differently?
 - o Seating arrangement were bad, not strategic enough
 - We should come earlier
 - Safety Seat sisters better!
 - Have surveillance bros who check for seating, lines etc. "scouts"
 - o Space out 2 mins more (rather than 30 sec) to get through it all
 - Back-up way of contact (because Mohamed was threatened that he'd be arrested if texting)
 - o Educate people
- Did we accomplish our goal?
 - The ambassador probably wont be coming back, he looked really angry
 - o Program was supposed to end at 8 but it ended at 6:47
 - From the time that the disruptions started, no one was paying attention
 - Showed them our presence
- Action Item
 - o Everyone send videos to Suleyman Kazmi & CC Mohamed Abdelgany
 - o Follow-up with media and public (unlike Daniel Pipes event)

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Subject: some notes from today's meeting From: Mohamed Abdelgany Date: 2/9/2010 11:07 PM To: "GG: MSU UCI Elected" Roukaya Hassanein Yasmin Nouh Aminah Galal Aayah Fatayerji Amani Ibrahim Sarah Larbah · Asaad Traina Ilgiz Khisamov Yazeed Ibrahim Anas Qureshi Ali Sayeed sorry for the delay. sumayya plz dont hesitate to add in ur notes ! add in anyone i may have missed that came. mohamed -Attachments:

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1. Media Outlets

- a. Who are we
 - i. MSU
 - 1. Hadeer
 - ii. "11" rep
 - 1. Taher
 - 2. Mohamed will try to find someone else
- b. Talking Points
 - i. MSU
 - 1. The UCI MSU's position is that it was irresponsible of the university, as well as the law school and the political science department to organize and co-sponsor an event for the Israeli ambassador to speak at the university. By doing so, the college Administration has implicitly expressed its support for Israel's immoral and inhumane policies, including possible war crimes.
 - 2. The MSU was neither involved in nor organized the protest in response to the Administration's invitation to the Israeli ambassador to speak at UCI.
 - 3. The MSU believes in one's right to speak freely, whether it is the Israeli ambassador's right to promote Israel's propaganda on campus or individuals who disagree with the Israeli ambassador.
 - 4. Propagating murder is not a responsible expression of free speech.
 - 5. We are MSU (multifaceted. And to look at us purely through the lens of our political activism is a disservice)
 - a. AZW education
 - i. Respected speakers

ii. Individuals

- 1. I draw my inspiration from the long and honorable legacy of civil disobedience that played a strong role in bringing down the Apartheid regime in South Africa and was monumental in the civil rights movement in America that eventually ensured equality and human rights for all minorities African American, Latinos, Asians, Jews included.
- 2. Michael Oren is not a typical diplomat. He is a mouthpiece of the Israeli government and as such, is officially associated with a country that was accused of war crimes by the U.N. and various international human rights organizations.
- 3. We will not stand by silently, but rather voice our dissent and disapproval, when a man closely associated with an Apartheid regime is invited to speak at UCI. We feel it's a duty and an obligation on us and all Americans as people of conscience to speak out against injustices committed by Israel and its puppets.

- 4. The mouth piece of Israel calls foul and demands free speech... bombing universities? Free speech? We stand in solidarity with those universities...
- 5. Marya, Amani, Yasmin, Hadeer, etc
- 2. Counter Media
 - a. Videos: Sarah Larbah (Thursday night)
 - b. Blogs?: Marya
- 3. Police Reports / Accounts: Roukayah
- 4. Admin and the 11: Osama
 - a. Osama, Asaad, Yousef, Anas
 - b. Hakim
- 5. Community Outreach
 - a. What to do
 - i. Send email to orgs, msas, Mohamed
 - ii. Will try to find two people Mohamed Mohamed
 - b. Talking Points: Mohamed and Osama
- 6. New University
 - a. News: Hadeer for MSU and Osama for 11
 - b. Opine: Aminah (Marya, Amani, Yasmin, Hadeer) wed night
- 7. Press Release
 - a. Ilgiz (noon tom)
- 8. Admin Pressure
 - a. Call Drake
 - i. Hadeer drafting a sample and Yazeed pushing (tom morning)
- 9. Utilizing outside support
 - a. Alumni will continue to defend us ©
- 10. Letters
 - a. End of this weekend Yazeed, Yasmin

Subject: [elected board] Re: Fw: UCI Speech Yesterday

From: MSU UCI

Date: 2/10/2010 1:09 PM

To: @googlegroups.com

mohamed, is taher talking to her too?

hadeer

ps. do our msu accounts all fwd to the msu.uci account?

On Tue, Feb 9, 2010 at 3:20 PM, Abdulrahim, Raja

wrote:

Hadeer,

Thanks for the response. I understand you're hectic schedule, but I'm eager to speak with someone from those who protested and were arrested. I've already spoken with UCI, the Jewish Federation and the ADL just released a statement. I also have a call in to the Israeli embassy, so you can understand why it's so important to hear from the other side.

I understand MSU wasn't involved but I heard that the MSU pres was arrested, any chance he or any of the others could give me just a few minutes of their time??

Thanks much, Raja

From: To: Abdulrahim, Raja

Cc: MSU Board **Sent**: Tue Feb 09 15:13:05 2010

Subject: UCI Speech Yesterday

Raja,

I got your message. I'm in and out of class all day, so I won't be able to give you a call back, unfortunately.

About the protest - correct, it was not put on by the MSU, but rather by students acting on their own. If you're interested in the MSU's response to the ambassador's presence on our campus, please visit www.msuuci.com for our statement.

Here it is:

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Thank you

Hadeer

On Fri, Feb 12, 2010 at 10:52 AM, MSU UCI wrote: As soon as you send me the questions I can pass them on! Thank you, Hadeer On Fri, Feb 12, 2010 at 10:49 AM, David Lumb wrote: We would love to submit questions. Is there a deadline today before which we should have our questions submitted? I'm actually running to class right now and want to make sure I get the questions submitted in time for the story. -David On Fri, Feb 12, 2010 at 7:33 AM, MSU UCI wrote: Hello again, One of the 11 students may be willing to answer questions by email. Would you be able to send me the questions so that I can forward them to him? Thanks! Hadeer Soliman On Wed, Feb 10, 2010 at 1:45 PM, MSU UCI wrote: Hi David, Thanks for contacting us! My name is Hadeer Soliman, and I'm the Public Relations coordinator for the MSU. I'd be happy to give you the information you need for your article. First of all, as I'm sure you're aware, the MSU is a multifaceted group that caters to spiritual, social, political, and humanitarian needs on campus. It is important to realize that the MSU plays a positive role campus life, and to look at the MSU purely though the lens of our political activism is unfair and inaccurate.

In response to your question about our involvement, the MSU did NOT organize the protest in response to the invitation of the Israeli

to speak at UCI, and the individuals who spoke did so acting on their

ambassador

own accord.

With that said, the MSU has stated that the decision to host and co-sponsor a speech by ambassador of a state that has been condemned by more

UN resolutions than other countries combined was an irresponsible one. In

co-sponsoring, the university has implicitly expressed its support for Israel's immoral and inhumane policies, including war crimes.

The MSU believes in one's right to speak freely, whether it is the Israeli

ambassador's right to promote Israel's propaganda on campus or individuals

who respond to the Israeli ambassador and disagree with him.

In addition, every year, the MSU sponsors a week-long series of events on

campus aimed at raising awareness about the occupation in Palestine. Through

respected and distinguished speakers and discussions on the real issues, the

MSU encourages discourse on the humanitarian crisis in Palestine.

I hope this is helpful. Please let me know if anything is confusing or if

you need clarification or more information.

As far as speaking with those detained, I'll see if anyone is able to speak with you.

Thank you! Hadeer Soliman Public Relations Muslim Student Union

On Wed. Feb 10. 2010 at 12:35 AM, David Lumb

wrote:

Dear Muslim Student Union President and Officers, Hello, this is David Lumb, Editor-in-Chief of the New University newspaper here on campus. I covered the Ambassador Oren lecture/presentation last night and was present for the entire chaotic evening. I received quotes from audience members but none from members of the Muslim Student Union. While interviewing some students, I was challenged in my question whether to include their affiliation with the Muslim Student Union or Society of Arab Students. I think it would be very appropriate, then, to get a statement from the current President of the Muslim Student Union in light of both the statement released yesterday by the Muslim Student Union condemning Ambassador Oren's presence on campus today and of the well-known history between the Muslim Student Union and the Anteaters for Israel, one of the groups that sponsored the event; the statement would comment on the actions of the students who spoke out during the lecture and were detained by UCIPD, as well as the level of involvement, if any, of the Muslim Student Union in these protests.

In addition, the testimony of the students/UCI community members who were detained is crucial to the story in communicating their experience to the public. If the MSU community knows any of the individuals, I earnestly request their aid in connecting me with them to share their side of the story. The article will be long and complex, and I am making every effort to present all sides of the story. If any members would like to comment in any way on the lecture/presentation, please have them contact me with this e-mail or by phone, which is listed below. Alternatively, I am open to setting up interviews in person on campus. Thank you in advance for your help, and don't hesitate to reply with any questions.

Sincerely, David Lumb

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Date: 2/14/2010 5:56 PM

To: "GG: MSU UCI Board"

Ok so check it people. I ask that everyone please for the time being not share anything from MSU emails or MSU meetings with regards to discussion about the Oren event. This issue is very sensitive right now and we will need everyone to be very very cautious about sharing any information with others at this point.

If asked please either say that you are unable to comment on this right now or refer them to Hadeer Soliman (our PR rep).

If anyone has any questions about this please contact me directly.

Mohamed

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