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RE: Montclair State University Student Government Association/Students for Justice in Palestine

Dear Mr. Cohn:

Your letter dated October 3, 2014 to President Susan A. Cole has been forwarded to me for response. In your letter, you express concerns regarding the Student Government Association's (SGA) proposed sanctioning of the Montclair Students for Justice in Palestine (MSJP) organization.

Please be advised that, by letter dated October 8, 2014, the SGA President recognized that "persons and organizations on the University's campus have the right to express their views and that those who disagree with those views have a right to express their contrary views." Accordingly, the SGA President concluded that there would be no sanctions imposed against MSJP. I am attaching a copy of the SGA's letter for your information.

The University is satisfied that the SGA, an independently-formed, student-run organization, has reached an appropriate resolution of this issue.

As the new University Counsel, I would invite you to contact me in the future regarding any matter involving Montclair State University in which your organization has a concern.

Sincerely,

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DATE: October 8, 2014

TO: Ms. Al-Tartir:

I am writing to you in regard to your October 1, 2014 letter to Demi Washington, the SGA Attorney General, in which you expressed concerns about the proposed sanctions against Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP). I have also had a chance to read Ms. Washington's September 24, 2014 letter to you.

Your letter has allowed me the opportunity to review the proposed sanctions set forth. The SGA recognize that persons and organizations on the University's campus have the right to express their views and that those who disagree with those views have a right to express their contrary views.

Upon examination of this matter, and after discussion with the SGA's legal counsel, we believe that there is an insufficient basis to sanction SJP in such a degree for distribution of the subject pamphlet. As such, no sanctions will be imposed and the letter has been rescinded.

As part of a community on a college campus where students live and congregate in close proximity, we feel it is important to work with one another and understand each other's perspectives. On behalf of the SGA, we look forward to working together in the future.

Respectfully,

*Kristen M. Bunk
SGA President*

CC:
SGA Executive Board
Dean Howell, Dean of Students
Fatima De Carvalho, Director of the Center for Student Involvement/ SGA Advisor
Demi Washington, SGA Attorney General

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