

Meeting with USD Director of Student Activities (Jen Lee) about Matt Walsh

***all quotations are direct quotes that were stated in the meeting**

- “Challenge approving speaker because of stances that [he has] around different topics around different populations of people”
- Because [his beliefs] are a large part of his identity... it is hard to understand based on the mission and values of USD... how we can approve him”
 - “Everyone interprets differently”
 - “The decision is subjective”
- “Might not have overly said something harmful... it is deemed offensive”
- “They are feeling offended and hurt” by his words
- “They feel targeted”
- “They feel unsafe”
- “In his documentary... it is how people are feeling based on the content he’s providing”
- “It’s not because the stance is different it’s because of the content”
- “A different group... if they were targeting... other populations I would be saying the same thing”
- “Liberals speakers that come they have a stance that isn’t aligned with a certain population and they don’t get invited either”
- “It is pretty subjective”
- “He’s not denouncing [his beliefs]... It’s still a part of him and he hasn’t changed his ways”
- “Did not watch film” but knows about it
- “If I did more [research] I might find more”
- “A lot of it has to do with his stances and what he has presented in terms of the transgender community... [is] why it would be a concern to have him speak”
- “Once he comes on [campus]... we don’t know what’s going to happen”
- “The way they’re feeling is “unsafe” and “not comfortable”
- “They feel this person is not supporting them in their journey as people”
- “He proudly states he’s been acknowledged as transphobe of the year... that’s hurtful... that’s hard for them to have on the campus”
- “They’re grossly offended... at an extreme level”
- “Safety is different from saying you disagree