

From: Santos, Denise **On Behalf Of** Gilbert, Michael A.
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 4:05 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: UD policy related to Distribution of Published Materials on Campus

Dear Alyssa Koser, Carl Rimi and Thomas Schrandt,

I am writing to acknowledge the concern you have raised with the University of Delaware's policy on the Distribution of Published Materials on Campus, and with the conversation you had with Scott Mason and Marilyn Prime during last Monday's Fall Activities Night Program at the Trabant Center. I think you will be satisfied with the changes made to the policy.

The Fall Activities Night program is held so that more than 100 Registered Student Organizations can speak to prospective new members. This year, nearly 4,000 students visited Trabant during the event. As is frequently the case when the University is promoting so much communication among students, there needs to be some order. When Dr. Prime and Mr. Mason asked you not to distribute materials at the entrance to the event, they did so merely to make the event convenient for all who were participating. Indeed, I am advised that Mr. Mason offered to have your materials made available to participants inside the Trabant Center.

I am also advised that your materials have been freely distributed at several locations on campus and am unaware of any effort to discourage that distribution. If I am wrong about that, let me know. I mention that fact because it demonstrates that the purpose of Dr. Prime's and Mr. Mason's directions to you had nothing to do with the content of your material and, instead, was merely related to the difficulties created by the time and place of your distribution on Monday night.

The University has updated its Distribution of Published Materials on Campus policy. The new statement can be found on the Student Centers webpage at

http://www.udel.edu/student-centers/policy/policy_distpubmaterials.html

I trust you agree that positive changes have been made and, you should be pleased to have been a part of those changes.

As is the course with Student Life policies, I will review this policy change with the Student Government Association, Graduate Student Association, Faculty Senate Committee on Student Life, and with appropriate University staff.

Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention.

Sincerely,

Michael Gilbert
Vice President for Student Life

P.S.

A copy of this letter and the updated policy will be sent to you via post.