

Message from Vice Provost Kevin G. Shollenberger Regarding a Meeting with Student Protesters, May 20

Good Evening,

It is after 7:30 pm and we have still not received the names of students who will be attending tomorrow's scheduled meeting with the Provost and President. As is our usual practice for meetings with administrators, we requested these names by 10 am today in our correspondence on May 16th, 18th, and again today.

We have been clear that this meeting invitation was a sincere effort to have a conversation among the university administration and the students involved in the SAPP and Anti-ICE Coalitions who voluntarily ended the occupation of Garland Hall last week. Earlier today we provided you with the names of the administration's attendees in a timely manner and we were looking forward to the opportunity for a discussion of the issues of concern to you.

To our great disappointment, however, you have by your actions effectively declined our offer to meet yet again – by refusing to provide the names of student attendees, continuing to insist on bringing unnamed advisors, and issuing a broad social media alert calling for the general public to attend.

The Provost and President have tried several times to make a good faith effort to meet with this group of students on issues of concern, and remain open to doing so. But we find it difficult to believe that you truly wish to engage in a thoughtful conversation and sharing of views under these circumstances.

Unfortunately, you have left us no choice but to postpone this meeting for now and try again at some point in the future.

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