

September 24, 2013

Subject: Re: Professor Klein -- CSUN

To the California State University Board of Trustees:

We are deeply disappointed by Interim General Counsel Jones' letter to us, sent on your behalf. His response completely ignores the main question which we addressed to you, the Trustees of the California State University, and it whitewashes your clearly specified obligation under California Education Code 89005.5. This law states specifically:

*"No person shall, **without the permission of the Trustees of the California State University**, use this name [California State University], or any abbreviation of it or any name of which these words are a part ...to display, advertise, or announce this name publicly at, or in connection with, any...promotional activity of any kind which has for its purpose or any part of its purpose the **support, endorsement, advancement...of...boycott.**"*

Prof. Klein's CSUN-hosted "[Boycott Israel Resource Page](#)," with its large section entitled "How You Can Support the Boycott," is patently using the CSU name and resources to support, endorse, and advance a boycott.

Did you, the Trustees of the California State University, give permission to Prof. Klein to use the CSU name and resources to support, endorse, and advance a boycott? If so, when and how did you give Prof. Klein permission to support, endorse, and advance a boycott?

In his letter to us, Interim General Counsel Jones referred to the previous review of Klein's website by President Harrison and the California Attorney General's office. However, it is important to point out that both President Harrison and the California Attorney General only reviewed Klein's CSUN-hosted website in relation to California Government Code 8314. They did NOT consider Klein's CSUN-hosted website in light of California Education Code 89005.5, and they did NOT consider your clearly specified obligation to protect the University's name from those who would exploit it for the purpose of supporting, endorsing, and advancing a boycott.

Furthermore, we are astonished by Interim General Counsel Jones' claim that the Anti-Defamation League "agreed that the [[Boycott Israel Resource Page](#)] website's contents were not anti-Semitic." We find that claim difficult to believe, and we would like to know which representative of the ADL made such a statement. (Please note that along with other leaders of the California Jewish community, including the directors of six California ADL offices, we are copying ADL National Director Abraham Foxman on this email).

Please understand that the intended purpose of the academic, cultural, and economic boycotts of Israel, such as those Klein promotes on his website, is the elimination of the Jewish state. The vast majority of Jews, including all of the Jewish leaders copied on this email, see efforts to harm or eliminate the Jewish state through boycott as an antisemitic assault against the Jewish people.

In conclusion, you have not at all addressed the very important matter that we raised in [our previous letter to you](#). As you are aware, members of the Jewish community throughout the state and across the country -- including thousands of CSU students, alumni, parents, and donors -- are eager to know

whether you have approved the use of the California State University's name and resources for the purpose of supporting, endorsing, and advancing the antisemitic boycott of Israel. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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BCC: Wide circulation in the Jewish community