

CHANCELLOR BOWEN'S RESPONSE TO CONCERN RE: SWASTIKA ON CAMPUS

November 5th, 2015

Via email

Ms. Rossman-Benjamin,

Ms. Stromer,

Thank you for reaching out to me.

Racism is multi-dimensional and takes many forms. As we have seen over the past two months, racially-motivated speech and actions continue at Mizzou. As you noted our campus experienced another instance of racism and hate, this time directed at our Jewish students. While the students and staff in the residential community responded to this incident, the university did not immediately react to this latest incident in order to give law enforcement time to investigate and possibly identify the perpetrator(s). Their work continues. Our stance has not and will not change—the University of Missouri seeks to be a welcoming and inclusive campus to all students, faculty, staff and visitors. We are committed to mandatory training of our people in inclusion and diversity and will continue to work with all to build the framework necessary to achieve our goal.

I met yesterday with a Jewish student leader who is arranging for me to sit down with three Jewish student groups soon and obtain their input on how best to respond to these events in the future as well as how we can improve the campus climate for all.

Bowen Loftin