

Dear SF State community,

We are writing with a deep sense of concern following the discovery that antisemitic statements were shared during an event planning meeting involving Associated Students, student organizations, and SF Hillel last week on Thursday, March 9. It was reported that during the meeting, a member of a student organization articulated they did not want SF Hillel members collaborating on the event and made anti-Zionist statements.

As a campus community, we encourage a rigorous exchange of scholarly ideas and debate about Zionism, Israel, and any other world issue. That debate, however, cannot exclude people from participating in meetings and events based on an assumption of their political stance or religious identity.

We want to make clear that San Francisco State University, Associated Students, and the campus community denounce antisemitism in any form. The words and actions go against our values and our mission of creating a safe and inclusive campus community in which we all feel safe and welcomed. We stand together in condemnation of actions that promote exclusion, bias, hatred, prejudice, and discrimination.

For people who experience a bias-related incident, campus has several resources, including training and counseling services.

Our Interfaith Programs unit, located in Student Services Building, Room 206, will be hosting the following educational program:

Name of Event: Responding to Antisemitism

Date: Thursday, March 30, 2023 **Time:** 12 pm – 1:30 pm PST

Zoom/Event Information: RSVP here: https://bit.ly/RespondingtoAntisemitism **Location:** Student Services Building, Room 404 (space is limited) & online on Zoom

(encouraged)

Event Description: Alystar Sacks, Assistant Regional Director, Anti-Defamation League Pacific Region, will present on antisemitism — what is it and how you can respond. Inperson and online options will be available to maximize participation. Refreshments for in-person attendees, plus opportunities to practice and apply skills learned in the workshop.

Students and employees needing assistance or support may avail themselves of the following support resources as appropriate:

- The <u>Title IX office</u> investigates reports of sexual violence as well as discrimination, harassment, and retaliation based on protected classes, including religious identity or affiliation. Use this link to submit a report: https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?SFStateUniv&layout_id=3
- <u>Counseling and Psychological Services</u> free and confidential counseling services for SFSU Students
- <u>Employee Assistance Program</u> free and confidential counseling services for SFSU employees
- Dean of Students students can reach out to dos@sfsu.edu to make an appointment with the Dean on Call
- <u>Bias Incident Education Team</u> a reporting portal for campus community members to report bias-related incidents they experience or observe on campus
- Equity & Community Inclusion located in Village C, Rooms 140 142, and Student Services Building, Room 206, Equity & Community Inclusion is home to the following resource centers and spaces focused on inclusion and belonging: Asian American & Pacific Islander Student Services, Black Unity Center, Dream Resource Center, Jewish Student Life & Interfaith Programs, Latinx Student Center, LGBTQ+ Student Life, and Muslim Student Life & Interfaith Programs.

The well-being of the SF State campus community remains our priority. Thank you for doing your part to foster a campus climate that is welcoming and inclusive.

Sincerely,

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