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Subject: Re: CCBR Display Event

Hi Katie,

Your application for event approval, the additional information you have provided in various emails, as well as the security assessment prepared by UAPS (see attached) has been reviewed and considered by the Dean of Students.

I write to advise you of the Dean's decision. The Dean approves your event on the following conditions:

1. **Location and Fencing (Engineering):** With respect to location, your group's event will take place in Main Quad, but toward the north end, near CCIS. With respect to fencing, the double perimeter fencing as prescribed in UAPS' security assessment report will also be required.

Generally, these requirements are for the following reasons:

- To allow the event to be located in the general location (main Quad) that your group requested.
- To address the safety and access concerns that arose with your group's event last year. It will avoid blocking of sidewalks and thoroughfares in Quad. In addition, based on last year's event and that your event this year is a similar size and layout, it will ensure that there is enough space for your large display, the fencing described in the attached assessment, and the people that are likely to gather. As noted in the report, the space directly west of CAB's doors is not suitable and poses risks. As noted, the lawn at the north end of Quad addresses these concerns and risks, but is a high-traffic location with good visibility for the event.
- The fencing is required to ensure the safety of the public (e.g. the members of your group, the general campus community) as well as the safety of the police and peace officers. The double perimeter fence will also reduce the degree to which your display could be obscured by the presence of counter-protesters and their signs. In addition, during and following your group's event last year, you expressed dissatisfaction that more was not done to move counter-protesters further away from your display. The double perimeter fence should achieve that while ensuring that individuals are free to approach the display for discussion purposes if they wish to.

2. **Security:** Peace officers from UAPS and police officers from the Edmonton Police Service are required to be present at your event to ensure public and officer safety. A deposit, representing a portion of the costs for the requisite security occasioned by your event, must be provided no later than Friday, February 19, 2016.

Generally, this is for the following reason:

- Given the strong similarities, it is assumed that your group's event will involve a similar number of individuals and volatile nature as the event which took place in 2015. There are therefore significant and similar public safety risks which the University is required to address. Thus, security is required to ensure the safety of your group, other members of the campus community as well as the officers themselves. Requiring the presence of security is amply supported in UAPS' security assessment. Further, the level of security identified by UAPS appears necessary in order to address the safety risks associated with the event.

The security assessment places the event at *high* risk even if the above management strategies are implemented and *extreme* without doing so. Given this, we are not able to allow or approve the event without the recommended strategies being implemented.

Additional conditions

As per section 5 paragraph 6 of the Student Groups Procedure, where a group's event creates and poses risks to public safety and where, therefore, security is required to mitigate those risks occasioned by the event, the student group, as the proponent of the event, is responsible for the costs of mitigating those risks and, in this case, responsible for the costs of providing the requisite level of security for its event.

The security assessment report provides a breakdown of the costs for the level of security found to be occasioned by your group's event, with the total cost being \$17,500. As noted above, a condition of the Dean's approval of your event is that you provide a deposit of \$9,000 with payment made to "University of Alberta" and delivered to and received by UAPS' office no later than Friday, February 19, 2016 at noon.

We note that the UAPS security assessment suggests that an alternate indoor location (such as a large classroom) for your event, would be far less likely to create the kinds of public safety risks than are presently associated with the event taking place outdoors on the main Quad of campus. Reducing those public safety risks would likely result in a reduction in the level of security required for the event. Let us know if you would like to explore this option and, if so, we can also see whether the event could go ahead on the dates you presently have or whether it might have to be rescheduled.

The University needs time to ensure that it can put in place the requisite levels of security (peace and police officers need to be arranged in advance and do not operate "on stand-by"). Thus, in order for the University to make proper arrangements for the security requirements noted above, we require that you notify us if you intend to proceed with the event on these conditions or not **no later than Wednesday February 17th, 2016 at 4:00pm.** Because the security arrangements need to be made in advance, if you fail to notify us by this date, you will be deemed to have withdrawn your application for and/or voluntarily cancelled your event.

If you are dissatisfied with these conditions of approval, then as per the Student Groups Procedure, section 5 paragraph 8, you may make a request for reconsideration. If you choose this route, the Procedure affords you 15 business days from now to complete such a request, but given the timing of your event we highly recommend that you submit any request for reconsideration no later than Wednesday, February 17th at 4:00pm. If you choose to do so, we could place your event status on hold until the reconsideration has been heard and determined.

Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

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