

## SENATE QUESTION

In SD 22-6, the Purdue Fort Wayne faculty spoke with a clear and unified voice: we want information about the way the administration approved and handled the visit of the outside organization, Created Equal, which during its visit, according to accounts by students, faculty, and staff, harassed PFW students, and after its visit posted demeaning videos of interactions with PFW students on YouTube. Faculty support of this document was on display again at the Nov. 14 senate meeting, after Chancellor Elsenbaumer presented a memorandum that did not answer a single question that was included in 22-6, but instead directed concerned campus members to form a committee that would “engage in a collaborative dialogue” toward the goal of developing an understanding “of university policies and principles, how they were applied in this instance, and what appropriate next steps might be in evaluating our current policies and practices.” This committee will be an “ad hoc committee,” and it could include members of the Senate Executive Committee and the Student Affairs Committee as well as interested faculty, staff, and students. Vice Chancellor Nakata has suggested in subsequent communications that this ad hoc committee could function in coordination with or as part of the Public Safety committee.

While deliberative work will need to be done to determine the best course of action moving forward when it comes to policies towards outside groups coming to campus, the following questions included in 22-6 do not require deliberation but answers to them are necessary before any deliberation, discussion, and reconsideration can take place:

- Were any meetings held, virtually, in person, or over email, about the visit in advance?
- Was anyone with trauma-informed training involved in screening “Created Equal,” and has anyone with trauma-informed training been involved in conversations among the administration since the visit? If so, who?
- Did the organization have an on-campus sponsor? If so, who?
- Was the PFW Solicitation Policy followed?
- Who approved Created Equal’s appearance on campus?
- Who worked with Created Equal on the Request to Solicit form? A copy of this form should exist on file with the university. Can we see whether any conditions were included in the arrangements, for example, something that would explain absence of any advance promotion of the event?
- Who helped with other arrangements in advance of the visit?
- According to the campus policy, a campus representative must review all materials an outside group brings to campus. Who did this for the Created Equal visit?

Moving beyond the specific event and specific outside organization,

● Are there any consequences for outside organizations that do not adhere to existing PFW solicitation policy?

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