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Re: UBC's Cancellation of Andy Ngo's speaking engagement due to Antifa threats

Dear President Santa Ono, UBC,

This letter is in response to the Global news report announcing the cancellation of Andy Ngo from speaking on Jan. 29 due to threats and concerns over campus safety. It is reported that legal action may follow should UBC decide not to reverse their decision. [Global News Report](#)

With all due respect I believe that UBC's ongoing capitulation to radical groups, who are falsely labelling speakers they oppose to as "far right" and "controversial," is central to the elimination of freedom of speech at the UBC campus. Labelling individuals as "far right" is a tactical measure in achieving the so called "far left's" goal. To witness UBC caving in to this strategy is evidence that those who have been entrusted to oversee the integrity and safety of the campus is lacking the skills necessary to protect and uphold UBC's own policy on "[Freedom of Expression](#)"

It is understood that Mr. Holton, the Safety Officer, retired on January 6, 2020 and was replaced by Ms. Rae Ann Aldridge.

Mr. Holton, based on his own admission, lacked the experience necessary to deal with the threats and take the appropriate measures to ensure not only the present, but long term, safety of the UBC campus. Rather than contact law enforcement Mr. Holton cancelled the event and made the following statement as reported by Global News, "We don't know how to handle these protests, and our hope is that by cancelling these controversial events, with time things will settle down with these groups and they won't do it anymore".

This is a naive approach considering Students Against Bigotry, who are reportedly behind the threats and protests, have been active since 2016 and have posted a chart bragging about their endeavours. Does this appear to be a group who intend to "settle down" and stop their radical activity? This is not a new problem at UBC and has been permitted to go on for many years. [Read Here](#)

President Ono, the following video, taken at a UBC event on Oct. 9, 2019, is evidence of the chaos and violence taking place on your watch. Please view the Students Against Bigotry as they "protest" this event. Showing up with masks is a criminal offence as is blocking people from attending an event and yelling profanities. What actions, if any, has UBC taken to address this incident? [View Here](#)

Multiple complaints have been filed with the RCMP and UBC and there will be many more to come if these matters are not dealt with immediately and appropriately.

I would be interested to know how the parents of the students attending UBC feel about this type of activity taking place on campus grounds without 'any' appropriate response from you sir. I would further be interested in what affect this video will have on the reputation of UBC as a world class institution for learning.

Janice Fiamengo will be speaking on Jan. 15th and I request you personally see to the safety of the guests attending which in turn will be a step toward the reputation of UBC remaining in tact.

In closing I request that you reverse your decision to cancel Mr. Ngo's speaking engagement.

I look forward to your reply.

Best Regards,