

From: [Perez Figueroa, Omar](#)
To: [Novoa Echaurren, Magdalena](#); [Miraftab, Faranak](#); [Qayyum, Faizaan](#); [Doussard, Marc J](#); [Greenlee, Andrew Jordan](#)
Cc: [LeRoy, Ben](#); [Lee, Bumsoo](#); [Chiu-Shee, Colleen](#); [Allred, Dustin](#); [Farah Rivadeneyra, Irene](#); [Salo, Ken Edgar](#); [Fang, Kerry](#); [Braun, Lindsay Maurer](#); [Russell, Tyran](#); [Edwards, Mary](#); [Walker, Rebecca Holloman](#); [Pendall, Rolf Joseph](#)
Subject: Re: Re Taking a Position
Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024 9:20:22 AM

Hi Everyone,

I agree with the idea [REDACTED]

Also, I want thank Marc for following up on this, and to Faizaan for providing critical information for this discussion.

In appreciation,

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From: Novoa Echaurren, Magdalena <mnovoa@illinois.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 2:48:38 PM
To: Miraftab, Faranak <faranak@illinois.edu>; Qayyum, Faizaan <qayyum2@illinois.edu>; Doussard, Marc J <mdouss1@illinois.edu>; Greenlee, Andrew Jordan <agreen4@illinois.edu>
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Hi all,

I second Faranak's appreciation to Faizaan and his educative emails and to Marc, as I can just imagine the difficulties of dealing with these issues. Thank you.

I support Faranak's proposal.

Best,

MAGDALENA NOVOA E.

Assistant Professor

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Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 4:17:00 PM

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Dear Faizaan, Marc and DURP faculty

I first wish to thank Faizaan for his informative emails with important historical facts to be reminded of. I also want to thank Marc as I fully trust that he is trying all he can. I am sure if the post is not down it is not because he has not communicated our collective wish. FAA communication team must be facing legal constraints. Having said that, I like and support Faizaan's proposal [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

thought.
In solidarity,
Faranak

From: Qayyum, Faizaan <qayyum2@illinois.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:21 PM
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Thank you Marc.

I have thought long and hard about this. I am convinced that it is insufficient to assign responsibility to the college, or the university leadership at large, and then simply take a seat.

The social media handle has our name on it (Planning at Illinois). It is only reasonable that

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As lecturer and the most contingent among all our faculty perhaps I do not enjoy the same

rights to collective governance as all of you (I recognize here that my role does not include a service component). I urge you all to use your position as faculty to [REDACTED]

May I remind you all once again that all competent legal forums and all countries of the world including the US recognize Israel's occupation of East Jerusalem to be illegal. Moreover, the post comes in the backdrop of a military campaign that the International Court of Justice has determined to be a "plausible" genocide. If that is [REDACTED]

Sincerely

Faizaan

From: Doussard, Marc J <mdouss1@illinois.edu>

Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 12:35 PM

To: Qayyum, Faizaan <qayyum2@illinois.edu>; Greenlee, Andrew Jordan <agreen4@illinois.edu>

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Thanks, Faizaan. I will be happy to talk to you, or to anybody else on this thread, individually about the situation. The department social media account is run by the college, and control over this has been taken out of our hands. It's not a situation anybody is happy with, and we are doing everything we can to find a solution.

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From: Qayyum, Faizaan <qayyum2@illinois.edu>

Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 11:57 AM

To: Greenlee, Andrew Jordan <agreen4@illinois.edu>

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From: [Doussard, Marc J](#)
To: [Mortensen, Peter](#); [Kemphues, Debbie](#)
Subject: Re: Meeting
Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 10:15:53 PM

Thanks. Let's take the 8am zoom.

Marc

From: Mortensen, Peter <pmortens@illinois.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 10:12:25 PM
To: Doussard, Marc J <mdouss1@illinois.edu>; Kemphues, Debbie <dkemphue@illinois.edu>
Subject: Re: Meeting

Hi, Marc,

I'm available tomorrow (Wednesday):

11:00-1:00

2:00-3:00

and, if need be, 4:30-5:30

I'll be in my office at these times and can meet in-person or on Zoom. Could also do 8:00-9:00 if need be (via Zoom).

Best,

Peter

From: Doussard, Marc J <mdouss1@illinois.edu>
Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 9:30 PM
To: Mortensen, Peter <pmortens@illinois.edu>, Kemphues, Debbie <dkemphue@illinois.edu>
Subject: Meeting

Hi Peter. Sorry to send you up this way, but we have a student letter demanding removal of the post and much else, and discussing the department's complicity in genocide. It would probably be a good idea to talk tomorrow.

Marc

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