

August 13, 2013

Re: Abuse of CSUN email account

Dear President Harrison,

As you know, for more than three years CSUN Mathematics professor David Klein has been using the CSUN web server to host his webpage promoting the economic, academic, and cultural boycott of Israel. Prof. Klein's [Boycott Israel webpage](#) contains a litany of false, inflammatory statements and photographs intended to incite hatred of the Jewish state and its supporters, and much of the material on the site meets the U. S. Department of State's [Working Definition of Anti-Semitism](#), including the statement that "Israel is the most racist country in the world" and pictures of mutilated dead babies which are classic examples of the medieval antisemitic "blood libel", i.e. that Jews kill non-Jewish children for evil purposes. Prof. Klein has also included on his CSUN website links to two defamatory articles about one of us (Tammi Rossman-Benjamin), in which Rossman-Benjamin is accused of being a fascist, a Nazisympathizer, and a "junk academic."

Despite the fact that Prof. Klein has been using university (and taxpayer) resources to promote a hateful personal and political agenda, you have [publicly sanctioned](#) his antisemitic and defamatory CSUN-hosted webpage, and affirmed that it is consistent with your university's academic mission.

We are writing to you now about a related matter.

On August 10, Prof. Klein used his CSUN email address to send an email (forwarded below) promoting a pro-BDS candidate running for U.S. Congress to members of the list serve of the Campaign to End Israel Apartheid - Southern California (CEIA-SC), an organization with which Prof. Klein is closely affiliated. (As one can see from the [organization's website](#), CEIA-SC promotes the boycott of Israel as a means of eliminating the Jewish state).

Last October, in response to a CSU Monterey Bay professor who had used his university email account to send an email to his students encouraging them to vote "Yes" on Proposition 30, CSU Counsel Christine Helwick [commented](#):

"We have previously reminded faculty and staff that it is not permissible to use state resources including classroom time for any political advocacy. This email [encouraging students to vote "Yes" on Prop 30] clearly crossed that line and the campus is taking appropriate personnel action."

We believe that in using his university email address to engage in blatant electioneering, Prof. Klein is also mis-using state resources for political advocacy, a violation of both university policy and state law.

Please let us know what action you intend to take in response to this matter.

Thank you,

Tammi Rossman-Benjamin
Co-founder, AMCHA Initiative

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Email from Prof. David Klein to the list serve of the Campaign to End Israel Apartheid - Southern California (CEIA-SC):

From: David Klein
To: CEIA-SC
Subject: [CEIA-SC] Local congressional candidate in favor of BDS, Mike Powelson
Sent: Sat, Aug 10, 2013 12:58:36 AM

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	Brad Sherman Voted	Powelson Would Have Voted
Invasion of Afghanistan	Yes	No
Invasion of Iraq	Yes	No
Obama Stimulus	Yes	No

Aid to Israel
T.A.R.P.

Yes
No

No
No

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Saturday, August 17

4-8pm

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