Dear [redacted],

I am writing to you [redacted] of the registered organization, Student for Socialism at USF which is coordinating, promoting, and supporting an activity that involves a hunger strike.

I want to thank you for meeting with me, Dr. Joe Puccio and Ryan Hiller via teams on Wednesday of this week.

Based on the Teams tracking roster the following individuals were invited and/or present at the meeting:

Ryan Hiller, Joseph Puccio, [redacted], Fraser Ottanelli (advisor), [redacted]

We met to determine the intent of the postings in regard to the hunger strike, to ascertain how the organization intends to ensure the health and safety of those involved, and to ensure the students/organization understand how the organizing of the activity, and/or their actions could be interpreted as possible violations of USF Regulations and Policies, and provide any information or guidance to mitigate these risks. I have summarized our discussions with links to the Regulations and Policies for ease of reference.

After conferring with Dr. Puccio and Ryan Hiller after the meeting, we continue to be significantly concerned about how the organization is managing the support of the individuals who would be involved in the Hunger Strike. You said that you had done research, however, you did not give any indication that you had put safeguards in place or an action plan to guard against unexpected harm to the members. For this reason, the continuation of this organization coordinating, supporting, and advertising this activity will be seen as jeopardizing the health and safety of our community members. These actions by the student organization could present a danger or threat to the health and/or safety of the students involved in the hunger strike and could also be interpreted as (1) prompting, facilitating or encouraging others to violate standard of behavior and (2) non-compliance with University policies guidelines or directives related to the health and safety of the University community all of which would be referred to Student Conduct and Ethical Development. **I am directing the organization, Students for Socialism at USF, to cease immediately your active and/or passive support, coordination, and publication of the Hunger Strike. To demonstrate compliance with this directive, all advertising of the hunger strike needs to be removed from all social media accounts by Wednesday February 28, 2024, and no further coordinating or posting of this type of activity in any medium can occur.** If you fail to comply with this directive, we will pursue further disciplinary action against the organization as we cannot allow you to compromise the health and safety of our community members.

As discussed in the meeting the USF Student Organization Regulation of the Student Code of Conduct applies to the behaviors of any student and student organization regardless of location or forum that are inconsistent to the goals and mission of USF. This includes (1) conduct that may present a danger or threat to the health and/or safety of students or others, (2) conduct that adversely affects the University community and/or the pursuit of its mission, (3) and/or conduct that violates state or federal laws.

Included below are links to the Regulations and excerpts that directly address the issues discussed (others may apply):

Student Code of Conduct-Regulation 6.0023

VI. A. Aiding and Abetting - The prompting, facilitating, or encouraging of others to violate standards of behavior.

P. Health and Safety – Conduct non-compliant with University policies, guidelines, or directives related to the health and safety of the University community.

Student Organizations-Regulation 6.017

C. 1. The student organization is independently and solely responsible and accountable for the conduct and all actions of the organization and its members. Any violation of law, Board of Governors regulations, University Board of Trustees policies, rules or regulations will be considered as violations by the organization and its officers and, in cases involving deliberate, intentional complicity or assistance in any such violation by other individuals, shall also be considered as violations by those individuals.

2. Any organization, or its members, which violates the standards, policies, rules, regulations of the University is subject to adjudication.

While we understand Students for Socialism at USF has goals pertaining to this activity, we cannot allow any organization to promote an activity that may cause harm to its members or other community members.

Respectfully,

Dean Winston G. Jones, Sr