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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY:

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Re: SUNY Brockport – Jalil Muntaqim Event

Dear Ms. Conza:

We are in receipt of your March 17, 2022, letter to President Heidi Macpherson of the State University of New York at Brockport. The SUNY Office of General Counsel is the legal department for the SUNY System, and we represent SUNY Brockport. Please accept this as our response to your letter.

We appreciate your thoughtful analysis and suggestions regarding the College's handling of the event with faculty-invited speaker Jalil Muntaqim. Our office is working with the College to manage the situation. The reasons for the termination of the funding have to do with noncompliance with internal process processes. We understand that an anonymous donor has made a donation to the speaker.

The College understands that all faculty members, students, and the campus community enjoy protection under the First Amendment and the College will not violate such rights. The Office of General Counsel and the College continue to communicate about the event and the College will appropriately share information with its community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam Haney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Adam" and last name "Haney" clearly legible.

Adam Haney
Office of General Counsel

cc: SUNY Brockport