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Dear President Meyer:

FIRE appreciates Brooklyn Law School's January 7 response to our enclosed January 5 letter regarding the effective cancellation of the Jewish Law Student Association's October 27 speaking event with Hillel Fuld. We appreciate the more comprehensive account of events you shared and BLS's further commitments to free expression. However, we also call on BLS to ensure that, going forward, such expressive events can take place even if senior administrators may not be immediately available to address any problems that arise. Failing to make this possible will only guarantee that such problems will repeatedly crop up on BLS' campus, to the detriment of both students and the school itself.

In your letter, you stated BLS could not host both the JLSA event and the law school accreditation visit because "the site visit would occupy the School's leadership team and key personnel for much of the day."¹ However, it remains unclear why JLSA's event would require BLS leadership and "key personnel" — especially when the law school had determined that day that an opposition group's outside demonstration would "not obstruct" "the accreditation site visit."² Student groups regularly invite speakers and host expressive events as a routine part of the law school experience, and there is nothing about a speaking event that would inherently disrupt or interfere with an accreditation visit.³ FIRE is particularly concerned that BLS required "leadership team and key personnel" be in attendance for JLSA's event, and then appeared to selectively avail such personnel to the courtyard event even though the supposedly interfering visit was still underway. This may have been due to the anticipated reaction of

¹ Letter from David D. Meyer, President, to Garrett Gravley, FIRE Program Counsel (Jan. 7, 2026) (on file with author).

² *Id.*

³ FIRE has been unable to find any BLS policy requiring such personnel for these events. Moreover, mandatory on-site administrative coverage for these groups' expressive events is not the norm for such events, in FIRE staff members' law school experiences.

students who disagreed with Fuld's viewpoints. If true, that only reinforces FIRE's concerns of viewpoint discrimination.⁴

Even if BLS' decision not to allow the event to take place on the planned date was not based on Fuld's viewpoint, we implore you to consider the practical reality of what happened. An expressive event was announced. Students opposed to that event started planning another simultaneous expressive event to compete with the event, and when administrators effectively cancelled the "offending" event, students gathered in the courtyard to celebrate the cancellation and embrace the censorship of the speakers as a win.⁵ This celebration was allowed to continue despite whatever resource constraints allegedly existed at the time, yet Fuld and JLSA were not permitted to express themselves at BLS at their own expressive event. Whether inadvertent or purposeful, this sequence of events clearly sent the message to BLS students and faculty that the communication of pro-Israel views on its campus is fraught with danger that those wishing to express other views—or celebrate the silencing of pro-Israel views—need not fear.

The college cannot cancel students' expressive events because of unspecified resource constraints, especially since another event occurred that day without the need for those same resources, with no explanation as to why. We are relieved to hear that you take these concerns seriously, and as such, would be pleased to assist in any way we can to ensure BLS's institutional interests can be met without burdening students' expressive rights.

Sincerely,



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⁴ See *Forsyth Cnty. v. Nationalist Movement*, 505 U.S. 123, 134 (1992) ("Listeners' reaction to speech is not a content-neutral basis for regulation.").

⁵ To be clear, FIRE's position is that *both* events should have been permitted to proceed. Colleges dedicated to protecting students' free speech rights, like BLS, must provide space to host expressive events on a content- and viewpoint-neutral basis.