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To: "Travis Eaione" [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2009 3:07:32 PM GMT -05:00 US/Canada Eastern
Subject: RE: Bucknell Conservatives Club Stimulus Dollar Event

Hi Travis,

First let me confirm that it was I who approached the students. The BU Conservative Club has always had a good relationship with our office and I would never want to offend anyone, so please allow me to elaborate.

With a smile on my face, I jokingly said to the students that "they were busted". Yes, I used those words, but I put a hand on the young woman's arm and said that I was teasing, but that you need to fill out a sales and solicitation form to give anything out. The group politely questioned this, and the young woman said she didn't know about this policy. The policy is in place to protect the entire BU community and I said that consistently permission was needed to hand out anything from Bibles to other matter. You just can't hand things out without approval. I told them to go to RICS when it reopened at 1pm and fill out a form, that I would approve it, but it had to be done consistently with other groups. However, let me qualify by saying that groups can solicit only from behind tables, not out in the open like they were doing.

It was all a very polite conversation, not intentionally meaning to offend anyone. Actually I was waiting for them to come to the office at 1pm, so I could expedite their request. The entrance way was very busy and noisy at the time. I absolutely meant no offense. I would welcome a conversation with you if you would like to come to my office this week.

Thank you for trying to clear things up.
Judy Mickanis

From: Travis Eaione [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2009 1:09 PM
To: mickanis@bucknell.edu
Subject: Bucknell Conservatives Club Stimulus Dollar Event

To whom it may concern,

My name is Travis Eaione, and I am the President of the Bucknell University Conservatives Club. On March 17, 2009, the BUCC handed out fake dollar bills with a picture of President Obama on the front and the sentence "Obama's stimulus plan makes your money as worthless as monopoly money" on the back. Club members stood in the Elaine Langone Center and told students they could have free stimulus money. After one hour, two members of the Reservation, Information and Conference Services (RICS) Office approached the BUCC and said "You're busted!" They stated that the BUCC needed to have a Sales and Solicitation Form filled out for the event. The Vice President for Special Events, Sami Prehn, asked why this was necessary since club members were merely handing out free, fake money. The RICS Office spokeswomen said this was considered solicitation and was the equivalent of handing out bibles.

I am writing this email to seek a validation of the above recollection. If there are discrepancies in this account, please notify me within three days. If I do not receive a correction within this time span, I will assume that the account is correct.

Thank you, and have an enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Travis Eaione
President
Bucknell University Conservatives Club