

Princeton Camping notes

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Agenda

Introductions [10] -

Report from Columbia (Aditi)

- OUR BIG NEEDS (based on Columbia meeting)
 - Banners and flags
 - List of demands
 - Team that is willing to bargain
 - Division of programming / tactical / demand teams
 - Security risk assessment

- Structure of launching encampment
 - Teams of 7-8, came from different locations
 - Started off with 60 campers
 - Signed jail support form
 - Willing to risk arrest / suspension
 - Publicized at daybreak
 - Chose space that University needed for commencement
 - Central lawn / bringing people in + emphasizing community
 - Site that is public and that University needs
 - Don't pick the site of historic occupations / internal occupation
 - Easier for University to pick a different building / outside is the way to go
 - Risks
 - 7-8 more encampments launching / keep other ppl's timelines in mind
 - Collective ownership over encampment
 - Group discussions / voting

- Columbia was planning for over a month / original goal was 250 campers
 - Safety in numbers
 - Size can pick up quickly
 - Community support / Princeton town
 - Surrounding the campsite, other protestors putting bodies between counter and campers

- Roles
 - Need for outside people / support
 - Core organizers who are not camping
 - Rallies / turnout
- Learn more about history of Princeton South African Apartheid Nassau Hall takeover

Princeton Gaza Solidarity Encampment

- Location ?
 - Location options:
 - Frist North Lawn
 - Frist South Lawn
 - Less involved in class life
 - Cannon Green
 - Further from where courses happen
 - Barrier around it
 - Nassau Hall
 - Public facing - can be seen from the street
 - Could increase community member involvement
 - Firestone Pavillion / Chapel
 - Use during reading period
 - Con: firestone is a wind tunnel

Need a location where we can use existing infrastructure

Need accessible location

Logistics (Jon says we need a week to plan)

- Risk assessment (best done 1-on-1):
 - Prohibited - should not camp:
 - International students
 - Risk to visa
 - Conditional
 - Most likely outcome for undergraduate: face suspension
 - Power in numbers
 - Columbia thinks they will get suspensions cleared
 - Arrests on the table
 - Most likely to result in citations
 - Graduate students
 - Cancellation of stipend / withholding of fellowship
 - Willing to face academic punishments
 - Contingency planning for each day:
 - Sweeps
 - Weather
 - Also risks to organizing at Princeton writ large
 - Community support
 - Assess size
 - More planning b/c of location
 - Will FJP be involved?
 - Not organized
 - We could make an ask
 - Princeton policies: <https://odus.princeton.edu/protests>

- Professors who won't rally around Pro-Palestine but will organize around free speech and for student rights
 - Lots of free speech ppl at Princeton

- Recruitment concerns
 - Energy on campus
 - Energy of the moment right now requires something like this, even if it isn't this, some kind of loud and disruptive response is necessary
 - Logistical considerations / scale considerations
 - Considerations about low energy on campus, possibly other ways to do actions to build more support
 - Concerns that in the past we've had rifts between organizing on campus, but this a chance to come together
 - Campus participation may be low now because JPs and senior theses were due last week—may be higher in the future, especially with weather
 - Option of spending 1-2 days recruiting before executing encampment
 - Who can agree to not only camp but to also run support, picket, etc?
 - Timing and planning may have seemed fragmented, but this is when SJP is calling for encampments
 - Planning vs assessing — have to decide if we're gonna do it before we start planning
 - Have to decide what we're committing to asap

- Assessing Risk
 - Levels to commit to: “red, yellow, green” of who can commit to what
 - Red—“you're taking risk of arrest and suspension, sleeping in camp, not going to classes, staying there all the time preferably
 - Yellow-moving between camp and outside, leading pickets, running supplies, clear out of site once police are coming
 - Green-there to rally, involved by running for food, charging phones, escorting people, floating as needed, do not cross into encampment site
 - Concerns about length of suspensions, withholding degrees, losing housing
 - Suspension or degree withholding might be a semester, longest suspension heard of is 2 years
 - Consider these risks when choosing your color level
 - Expulsion less likely? There's a committee expulsion panel (Vanderbilt expulsion because they touched a cop, so follow protocol and expulsion rare)
 - “Snowflake planning”
 - We need many contingency plans

6 “Buckets” of Planning

Programming (teach-ins, speeches, lectures, art builds, events in the space)

- Patrick, Solome, Fatih, Sabrina, Christian, Noura

Recruitment (capacity, onboarding) Everyone commits to recruiting 2 people? But aim for more.

- Fatih, William, Kyrah

Tactical (staging, space, contingency plans for admin/cop interference)

- Anin, Sofia, Aditi, Nicole-Ann, Rilla, Hellen

Material (stuff we need, food, mutual aid find) â€“ make list of what we need/have and sign up

- Anin, Aditi, Salome, Hannah, Sofia, Fatih, Rachael, Sabrina, Youngseo

Comms/Messaging (media push, social media, press releases pre-made)

- Urvi, Noura, Rilla, John W, Youngseo, Nicole-Ann, Kyrah, Hellen

Legal/Jail Support (if folk arrested, we know who, their info, how to track them, etc)

â€“ Christian, Rachael, Hellen

***Don't say when, where the action is happening when you recruit! Just get people to agree to something within next 2 weeks, not to join a "bucket"

Next meeting: decide exact location

- What do we have?
 - 10 tents
- What do we need?
- Legal Training
- Media training/liason
 - Media training - Mohamed
 - - NYC PYM can provide some level of support, but if we have precise asks it's easier for me to coordinate
 - - Planning needs to be meticulous, we need every possible scenario planned out, and in each scenario the specific ask and goal and comms need to be ready
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- Safety training/liasons
- Donations
- Food
- Comms
- Mobilization
- Programming

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- Supplies
 - Community Collab / Solidarity Partners