

Princeton Camping notes 4/21

EVERYONE FILL OUT THE FORM.

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Facilitator: Patrick

Participants: Aditi, Christian, Jacob, Sofia, Gem, Yeou-Shiuh, Darius, Juan, Urvi, Sophie, William, Fatih, Lilian, Mostafa, MJ, Moody, May, Jon, Sylvia, Anin, Solome, Nicole-Ann, Rosangela + Destiny, Rasha, Christina, Kyrah, Alan, Sofia T, Ellen, Hellen, Sabrina + Youngseo, Joh, Keely, Angela, Ai, Poorvi, Calla, Noura, Meredith, Tammuz, Paul, Moad, Achinthya, Kennedy, Solome, Claire, Khari, Hassan, Nada

AGENDA

1. Reintro to plan

2. Discussion of risk

3. Committee/"Bucket" reports

4. Tasks moving forward

Notes

1. Brief reintro to plan, yesterday's meeting

1. Christian and Aditi reviewed yesterday's agenda, talked about national call from SJP, 3 "color" level explanation

2. Risk assessment

1. Red means agree to risk of suspension and/or arrest) -- suspension may trouble housing, teaching, fellowships, but not funding you've received in the past; undergrads risk diploma withholding, but expulsion is a longer process, not likely
2. Yellow go between the camp and outside, will leave the campsite as soon as warnings are issued
3. Green don't ever enter the campsite, not assuming risk of being there but form picket and rally outside--keeps the campers safe from arrest by forming a barrier between police and campers
4. Calla-Suspensions for undergrads could prevent financial aid in future, could determine whether this semester "counts", but only a cursory look, we need a clear, written document of risk in order to recruit people
5. Sophie suggests a "pink" or "orange" level between yellow and red; Columbia has a "pink" who risk arrest but not suspension, depends on what threats university is leveling at a given time (or maybe risk suspension but not arrest? we need legal consultation--Ellen)
6. Christian notes that "greens" don't need the specifics of when/where until the call goes out--to keep plans secure
7. Postdocs are interested but not sure what their risks are (Mostafa)--Aditi says same risk as PhDs, but this may change when union elections and bargaining begins, probably very soon :)

3. Committee/Bucket status reports

1. Recruitment (capacity, onboarding) Fatih, William, Kyrah, Ellen

1. Report from William and Recruitment team: Signup numbers as of 12:45 on 4/21: 88 total; 4 "hard red", 9 red/yellow (need more clarity, maybe an orange or pink category); 57 yellow and 18 green
2. Hopes that everyone who is recruited will recruit 2 more minimum; we also need to recruit more recruiters! How do we mobilize all the people we recruit? Be aware of what you're

- committing to, time required, our current team is too small (Ellen)
3. Community participation (off campus)--Patrick notes we have a lot of support we can turn to; Kennedy adds that we can turn to local civil rights groups especially if they're targeting students of color; Ellen notes the SJP already has contacts with local Pro-Palestine orgs who are ready to mobilize
 4. Also, how do we get faculty/staff on board?
 5. Important to have people moving between encampment and labor bargaining at same time (Aditi)
 6. At this point everyone on call should have filled out the risk assessment, be in a "bucket" -- but new recruits need to be added, so question is how to keep this updated; let's DM point people but forms may develop later
 7. Volunteer point people (at least for now); William-Recruitment; PJ-Programming; Helen-Recruitment; Aditi + Christian-tactical; May-Material; Yeou-Shiuh-Material; Solome-Material; Sophie-Recruitment; Angela and Urvi, also Jon--comms;
 8. Christian suggests we make separate docs for each "bucket" including risks for each
 9. Ellen--There is still doubt among recruiters as to whether we should do this--maybe we support Columbia instead?; Youngseo notes that those with reservations are more so undergrads and isn't confident more people will come; Patrick, Christian, respond with their interest may change as situation escalates, in past this has happened when people have something concrete to plug into--a permanent place people can come to; Gem notes grad students may have done things like this before, have more confidence based on experience--reminder about why we're here, who we're standing in solidarity with!; Ellen response that we can prep for encampment but also assess the amount of work required, undergrads are concerned and we should just be attentive to that, there are undergrads who are super active with SJP who aren't on board with this
 10. Noura--people may commit differently if we have more colors, like "pink"
 11. Note: we are still recruiting, haven't fully decided on encampment, but we're moving toward that
 12. Final note, need to clarify what pink color is, whether you can change your color once it starts, risks to international and undocumented students--need to talk to a lawyer but keep recruiting first, say people can change
2. **Tactical** (staging, space, contingency plans for admin/cop interference) Anin, Sofia, Aditi, Nicole-Ann, Rilla, Hellen
1. Aditi--tactical needs contingency models based on what University might do, that's what their team is starting to work on
 2. Fatih--maybe like Columbia, we launch the camp at same time as a referendum on demands; Christian suggests there are also trustees meetings and other ways to put pressure on university
 3. Ellen--The national SJP call wasn't just to do an encampment, it was to stand in support in a variety of ways--including walk outs, sit-ins, liberated zones, mass outreach, etc; Patrick, Aditi, Solome respond with energizing toward encampment, which is what we asked people while recruiting--individuals have to determine own risk; this is the time when there is a larger movement, we all respond as we can; Calla, William note we can escalate and also be informed, careful--safety matters
 4. Haven't discussed security, deescalation, bargaining--moved to next meeting?
3. **Legal/Jail Support** (if folx arrested, we know who, their info, how to track them, etc) Christian, Rachael, Hellen
1. Christian has contacted legal support, has jail support forms; everyone who is leaning red needs to fill one of these out; different legal groups have different capacity
 2. Angela--are we relying on outside support for legal support? Offers to arrange a training with experts in NYC.

4. **Material** (stuff we need, food, mutual aid fund, make list of what we need/have and sign up) Anin, Aditi, Salome, Hannah, Sofia, Fatih, Rachael, Sabrina, Youngseo
 1. Aditi-we have tents, vests, in process of getting generator; will send out "packing list" for reds with what to bring to encampment; there will be a list for greens as well, working on a Venmo to acquire goods from community like coffee, food, etc
 2. Need tarps
5. **Comms/Messaging** (media push, social media, press releases pre-made) Urvi, Noura, Rilla, John W, Youngseo, Nicole-Ann, Kyrah, Hellen
 1. Youngseo has been designing some graphics for up to 6 days
 2. List of demands--Youngseo wants to know if we have the same demands as Columbia; Christian responds with proposal of 1. transparency of endowment, 2. full academic and cultural dissociation from Israel, including Princeton trip to Tel Aviv
 3. Jon (SJP media manager)-calls for designs that say "come here now/urgent" like Columbia has been doing;
 4. Noura calls for list of what media we all need, so people can sign up to create it
6. **Programming** (teach-ins, speeches, lectures, art builds, events in the space): Patrick, Solome, Fatih, Sabrina, Christian, Noura
 1. Patrick--biggest need is a launch rally with reds and yellows, including a lineup with both on and off campus speeches, need a bullhorn and speakers--we need things to make noise!
 2. Day 2, 3, 4, 5 etc the team will need to plan events as we go; greens and yellows need to show up regularly to have support outside the encampment
 3. Salome--we have art supplies from PIED?, will start gathering banners, etc
 4. Patrick--idea for a liberation library, bring your leftist books yall
 5. Christian spoke to FJP who said asking classes to be canceled is redundant because it's the last week, but we can ask faculty to show up at the camp, but FJP can't do this alone

Moving forward:

1. Everyone recruit 2 more people and have them fill out the risk form--people can change responses
2. Work in your "buckets" to plan for moving forward; make separate signal chats but link to main chat
3. Develop a formal risk assessment with an added pink/orange color with a lawyer, but keep moving forward in the meantime
4. Proposal: rep from each working group coming to daily/nightly meetings, but accessible to all for transparency--next meeting 4/22 at 8pm-10pm
5. Media training for all camping being scheduled for this week Mon or Weds

4/20 NOTES

Facilitator: Christian

Notes: Rooya

Participants: Rasha, Aditi, Abrar, Anin, Fatih, Ellen, Rachael, Patrick, Hannah, Nicole-Ann, Ariel, Nada, Lilly, Angela, Rue, Isadora, Wayne, Urvi, Sofia, William, Jon, John, Youngseo, Sabrina, Noura, Solome, Emanuelle, Mohamed, Tammuz, Rilla, Calla, Angie, Kyrah, Khari

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

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

Material (stuff we need, food, mutual aid find) — 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 folx 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
- Supplies
- Community Collab / Solidarity Partners