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From: [redacted]
Sent: Fri 11/15/2024 10:36:53 AM
Subject: Re: Panel on BDS scheduled for November 19
Received: Fri 11/15/2024 10:36:57 AM

Dear [redacted]

Thank you very much for your prompt and encouraging response.
I will certainly make sure to provide more extensive information for future bookings, and I have communicated the same message to my colleagues, to avoid further confusion or extra work on your side.
I appreciate your hard work and your detailed explanation. It is very helpful.

Best regards,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 8:12 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Panel on BDS scheduled for November 19

Dear [redacted]
Thank you so much for your email and the extensive explanation. I really appreciate that and it clears a lot. It seems that a combination of several things brought us to this point.
I would like to start with an update on your request: the directing group Israël-Palestine has approved the request for the event. I handed in the request at this group yesterday for additional advice. The event can take place on November 19 th.
I would like to give you some more background on my request to [redacted] having a conversation with you.
Before the summer a number of “teach ins” were organized by [redacted] and we had contact about this various times. Booking requests are directed to me when the University Facility Bureau would like to check the request with the current regulations. That was the case with your request and I approved it. As you know the atmosphere due to the situation in Palestina and Israël is intense. As a University and Faculty, we aim to have an open academic discussion. As I am not an expert on the topic, there’s a group of experts that I can ask for advice on requests. If I had more information than on the original request form, I would have asked for advice immediately.
Your mail has cleared to me that there is no intent in the game.
I would appreciate it when you, for future events, include more extensive information about the event, the involved colleagues and the relation with a program or the intention of the event on the request form.
Once more I thank you for your explanation and I hope you and your colleagues have a good panel discussion on November 19 th.
Kind regards,

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 12:39 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Panel on BDS scheduled for November 19
Dear [redacted]

330206ne is [redacted] and I have just been contacted by [redacted] with regard to a room 0027

booking for an event I co-organized with other lecturers at Leiden on Palestine and Israel.

I understand that you only saw my name in the room reservation request, but the event is now also promoted on the Leiden for Palestine instagram, and I would like to explain that there was no intention of hiding information on my part.

I was asked to book this room on behalf of all the other co-organizers, as a continuation of our teach ins series on Israel and Palestine that took place last year. I know it used to be my colleague [REDACTED] 5.1.2e who was in touch with you to get approval for room bookings last semester, but she asked to share this task with others in the group, and I volunteered to help.

I am not an expert with room bookings, and I filled out my name as the lecturer responsible for the reservation. I didn't know I had to also include that I am part of a group of lecturers, Leiden Scholars for Palestine. [REDACTED] 5.1.2e didn't include the group name in her reservations either, but I realize that she was already in communication with you about those bookings.

I waited for a couple of weeks for the room to be approved, nobody asked me further questions, so I thought it was clear that it was always the same group of people who organize these events in our university.

I apologize if this raised concerns on your part, Leiden Scholars for Palestine is really just the same 6-10 people who organize, and the lecturers presenting on Tuesday have all been involved in previous teach ins, which were approved last year as a series. One of the lecturer who is [REDACTED] 5.1.2e is good with instagram, and created the post.

I booked the room in good faith, ready to answer any questions from those who screened the booking, I am sorry for this misunderstanding.

I hope you can consider my explanation and allow us to hold the event as planned. I have been sharing with students, explaining that we want to make it inclusive, to address all perspectives, and I have invited my Israeli students to join. We are trying to create space for dialogue, where society is getting so polarized, and do it as teachers, with an academic approach.

Again, my apologies for not making the connection with the teach ins more explicit, I will make sure not to make the same mistake next time.

I understand that I need to ask [REDACTED] 5.1.2e to remove the event page for the moment. Would it be possible to address this issue by adding that this is part of the teach ins in a new event page, so there is no more confusion?

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Best regards,

[REDACTED] 5.1.2e