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ASM CHAIR APOLOGIZES FOR ACTIONS OF LAST SEMESTER

MADISON WI-- On April 7th , 2017, Ariela Rivkin emailed the now former Associated Students of Madison (ASM) Chair to request that Student Council not take up any legislation concerning “human rights mechanisms or transparency on investment policy” at the regularly scheduled Student Council meeting to occur on April 12th. She explained that the meeting would conflict with Passover, and that members of the Jewish community would be unable to provide substantial input on the legislation. At the April 12th meeting there was an item on the Student Council agenda titled “Bylaw Change for the Creation of Financial Transparency and Ethics Subcommittee.” Representative, now ASM Chair, Katrina Morrison motioned to suspend the rules to allow for the introduction of this legislation.

The Summary Judgment regarding the case filed by Rivkin found Morrison guilty of violating ASM bylaws.

“It is wholly unacceptable to discriminate against Jewish students by denying them their full opportunity to speak in front of Student Council regarding an issue they had expressed interest in” the Judgment reads.

The Summary Judgment mandates that Morrison read an apology letter on the first Student Council meeting of the 24th session

On Tuesday, September 5th, Chair Morrison read her apology letter to the Council.

“The events of last semester are an example of when my passions misguided me, and in my haste to pass legislation, I silenced students who deserve a voice in our student government and on our broader campus” Morrison said.

Rivkin, who now serves as Senior Class President, was in attendance at the first Student Council meeting.



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“In my capacity as a former ASM member, and current Hillel Board Member: I very much appreciate that Chair Morrison spoke tonight and did so in a serious and heartfelt manner. We look forward to positive action and constructive leadership in the future that includes our community” Rivkin said.

Chair Morrison strives to always fight for members of underrepresented communities through creating a Code of Conduct for ASM all members as well as ensuring all impacted parties have an opportunity to give input regarding legislation. Chair Morrison is a co-sponsor of legislation passed on the September 5th meeting regarding anti-Semitism and hatred.

“Until the end of my term, I will work every day to regain the trust of Jewish students of this University” Morrison said.

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