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Liberal Complaint: UW policy says conservatives should not have invited public to event
Stroebel: Public should be included as much as possible, encouraged to attend

Madison, WI – For weeks, the Young Americans for Freedom at UW – Madison have been meticulously planning an event with conservative commentator and *New York Times* Best Selling Author Ben Shapiro. In recent days, the campus conservatives have come under attack from ultra-left agitators. These liberals have invited hundreds to a private Facebook page titled “f*** white supremacy: interrupting Ben Shapiro.”

Now, a complaint has been filed against the organization stating they broke a university policy by advertising the event to the public. In an advising meeting, Center for Leadership & Involvement (CfLI) staff advised the conservatives that student organization events are open only to the campus community (students, faculty & staff) and in order to open an event to the public a department must sponsor.

The CfLI staff also informed the students a portion of the complaint alleges the group “targeted” a member of the campus community by sharing a publicly available Facebook post.

While opposing students are filing frivolous grumbles to the CfLI, it appears the University is welcoming to protestors; however, not members of the public looking to listen to Mr. Shapiro.

“As a taxpayer funded university, Madison should make efforts to have more events open to the public,” said Senator Stroebel. “It is important student organizations have the ability to – without cumbersome red tape – host events to include the public. Every time university officials lobby my office for more taxpayer resources, they argue how important the school is to the state. Student organizations should have the freedom – without fear of complaints – to create a larger discussion with the broader public community. The CfLI should dismiss this grievance as baseless. Complaints are not to be used as a weapon against organizations with different viewpoints.”

Dismantling Safe Spaces: Facts Don’t Care About Your Feelings

Featuring Ben Shapiro

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 | 7:00 pm

Sewell Social Science Building Room 6210

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About Ben Shapiro: Shapiro is editor-in-chief of DailyWire.com and host of The Ben Shapiro Show. Shapiro is the author of six books, including The New York Times bestseller, “Bullies: How the Left’s Culture of Fear and Intimidation Silences America” (2012).