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Sent: 18 May 2021 09:13
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Bristol SU Mailbox; [REDACTED]; International Office Main Mailbox; [REDACTED]
bristolbmenetwork@gmail.com
Subject: Re: concern and question regarding to recent SU campaign event related to Xinjiang issue

Dear [REDACTED]

We appreciate that you have changed the poster for the campaign related to Xinjiang.

However, an inconsistency has come to our attention that only the picture we mentioned has been replaced whilst others posted on the SU website and social media remain the same shown in attachment, which seems to us a lack of realization of the seriousness of this issue that we are concerned about. Based on mutual respect and trust, we hope that changes could cover all the online sites where the event is posted, including SU website, Facebook and Instagram, by your carrying out a thorough inspection either to change those images appropriately or remove them instead. It is extremely important for both of us and we will appreciate it if you do so.

As for the controversy on the use of the term “oppressive”, we will not argue for it at this moment. We will introduce solid evidence to back up our arguments and share our opinions in the upcoming session.

Best wishes,

CSSA



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>于2021年5月14日 周五22:01写道 :

Dear Bristol CCSA,

Thank you for your response. I'm glad you feel able to participate and we will remove the previous poster from the SU website.

I have postponed the event one final time to next Friday in order to allow us to finalise details and in the hopes of your participation!

In terms of the title, unfortunately "oppression" is subjective and Muslims feel concerned about the elements of oppression in the official communications from the Chinese government which talk about "reeducation" and "extremism" in ways that touch on Islamophobic narratives. We have described elements of Western governmental policy (in the UK/America) in similar ways before, so this is not exclusive to China. We'd like to hold this event in a way that allows you to participate but that also acknowledges the feelings of the minority group in this situation.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

From: CSSA BRISTOL <info.bristolcssa@gmail.com>

Sent: 13 May 2021 14:13

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Main Mailbox <international-office@bristol.ac.uk>; [REDACTED]
bristolbmenetwork@gmail.com <bristolbmenetwork@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: concern and question regarding to recent SU campaign event related to Xinjiang issue

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email and truly appreciate your action of removing the flag used on poster.

However, it comes to our attention that this flag is still being used on the website of SU so we hope that SU could take an action on it. CSSA will be glad to participate and share our perspectives once the flag is removed from any poster has been posted in any social media.

In addition, there is no factual evidence to support the word "oppressive" used in your headline. Hence, we are asking if the word can be deleted since it will lead to serious misunderstanding and discrimination.

Hopefully we will have a satisfactory, mutual agreement on the outcome of this event to achieve a level of neutrality and objectivity.

Best wishes,

CSSA

[REDACTED] >于2021年5月12日 周三23:13写道 :

Hi CSSA,

Hope you're well. Thanks once again for communicating your concerns. I was wondering whether if we used this poster you'd be happy to participate and share your perspective of the correct history of the situation as you've mentioned? We have over 100 students signed up so it would be a unique opportunity to share your perspective?



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Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 May 2021 11:02
To: CSSA BRISTOL <info.bristolcssa@gmail.com>; Bristol SU Mailbox <bristol-su@bristol.ac.uk>
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<bristolbmenetwork@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: concern and question regarding to recent SU campaign event related to Xinjiang issue
Hi all,

Thanks for raising the concerns and articulating them. Apologies for the brevity of my reply!

We'd be keen to work with the CSSA to speak about the situation in a way that allows Chinese students to be included in the conversation. As such, we have postponed the event to Friday. I'll be in touch again later today/tomorrow.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

From: CSSA BRISTOL <info.bristolcssa@gmail.com>
Sent: 10 May 2021 08:21
To: Bristol SU Mailbox <bristol-su@bristol.ac.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]; International Office Main Mailbox <international-office@bristol.ac.uk>; [REDACTED]; bristolbmenetwork@gmail.com <bristolbmenetwork@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: concern and question regarding to recent SU campaign event related to Xinjiang issue

Dear SU:

To whom it may concern

We've already got in touch with the network. However, they refused to cancel the speech and our communication was invalid. What's more, they have made arbitrary evaluations of our motherland based on the lack of evidence on the Internet and we are greatly offended. Besides, they accept the fact that the flag used to represent Xinjiang is a symbol of terrorism, but they still emphasize to us that it is an important representative of Xinjiang. As a result, we are concerned that this event might turn to be a campaign of terrorism.

In that case we would like to reiterate our main concern is their use of the East Turkistan flag in their propaganda. They said that it is necessary because this flag is very important to them, which makes us extremely dissatisfied. They think this flag is very important, which just shows the viciousness of their intentions. I think I can only draw one conclusion from what they said. They

are just a terrorist organization under the skin of democracy and justice. Let me tell you a story, one of our members in CSSA is from Kunming, Yunnan. This terrorism organization attacked the Train station there on 1st March 2014. She told us that her English teacher in middle school went to pick up his family from this train station. Just after 30 minutes he left, many terrorist organization members of this organization hacked and killed civilians with knives, resulting in the tragic death of nearly 30 innocent lives. This is just the tip of the iceberg of the crimes they have committed. Such an organization shamelessly claims to be misunderstood; I just want to ask what qualifications does such an organization have to show that they can represent the true aspirations of the people in Xinjiang? We believe that the University of Bristol SU, as an organization composed of many outstanding personnel, should have sufficient judgment and moral standards to conduct a fair evaluation.

SU needs to make the necessary investigations and decisions, rather than just let us communicate with them, because on the one hand it is related to its slander and disrespect for our motherland, and on the other hand, it is more related to the people's anti-terrorism and appeals. I think these are not only contrary to the purpose of SU, but also contrary to the basic ethics. If they are willing to draw a clear line with terrorism, we are happy to discuss with them. If they want to share the correct history and current situation of Xinjiang, we are even willing to help. As long as they do not remove the banner of causing great harm to the Chinese people, we will continue to protest against this anti-human speech, and we do not rule out through other means to prevent more people from being deceived by it.

Thanks for reading !
Sincerely,

Bristol CSSA

CSSA BRISTOL <info.bristolcssa@gmail.com>于2021年5月8日 周六17:43写道 :

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email, and we are sorry for the loss of life of that student you have mentioned. We are not sure what kind of “unfair” and “biased” treatments your society member has witnessed and how the person believes that he/she could represent millions of people, including Han and Uygur, now living in Xinjiang province.

We are rather appalled to see the words that the East Turkistan flag is “important to the people there”, as the organisation it represents is a group of separatists and terrorists. Here we have a story and also a fact to tell:

One of our members in CSSA is from Kunming, Yunnan province. On 3rd March 2014, a group of extremists from East Turkistan Islamic Movement attacked the train station in the city centre with long knives. She told us that her middle school English teacher went to pick up his family from this train station and the attack happened just after 30 minutes she left. On that day, a total of 29 people died and 143 were injured, and this is just one among many frenzy attacks they launched to the innocents throughout the past decade. People do have their rights to express their demands within reasons, but by doing so in such a violent way which costs so many innocent lives, they

were against justice and humanity and should never be forgiven. This disastrous terrorist attack was rarely reported by western media, but it did happen and is no different than those attacks in New York, London, and Paris. Whilst we are mourning for the dead, your members are saying that flag is important to the “people” there, and we seriously question who those “people” are.

We noticed that you tried to avoid triggering tension and anti-China mood in this event. Sadly, you failed to get the point that there is no flag that could represent Xinjiang as a separate state and using a terrorist’s flag is a fatal mistake that would not comfort the Chinese students here, including us, yet will make them feel insulted even more.

We thank you for inviting us to attend your event, but we must refuse it. The use of terrorist flag has touched our principles and we rather want the SU to solve this matter than to settle it between ourselves. However, we would be open to discussion if that flag on the event profile is changed; and if you do so, we will be glad to attend to listen to your opinions and make our clarifications.

Regards,
Bristol CSSA

[REDACTED] >于2021年5月7日 周五22:07写道 :

Dear CSSA,

Thank you very much for raising your concerns. Apologies for the delay in response, we had a recent student tragedy that has been difficult for those in the network.

The nature of the event on Monday is to have an open discussion on the situation in the region. But I’m very mindful that this is sensitive. There are deliberately no speakers from any high profile external organisations which have been criticised as furthering a sinophobic narrative. It will just be myself and another student - in fact I’m going to share some of the concerns you and other Chinese students have raised previously on this issue in the discussion.

The title states “oppressive” rather than “genocidal” which I hoped would capture the oppression faced there whilst not pandering to claims of “ethnic cleansing” or “genocide”. I must reiterate that the situation there, while not necessarily to the extent sensationalised by the media, is distressing to many members of our network. The discussion on Monday aims to be a space where all can come together in solidarity to explore the issue.

I hope this doesn’t equate to “anti-China” or sinophobic content. I’ve noted a number of Chinese students are attending so I’ll endeavour to ensure it’s a safe space for them too. I’ll also make sure I reshare our posts on sinophobia after the event too

With the flag specifically, other members of the network have stated previously how important the flag is to the people there and are highlighting that the associations being drawn are unfair and biased. This discussion aims to be a space to hear all the perspectives on it.

Would a member of the CSSA be interested in attending and speaking? We’re happy to remarket with the concerns highlighted raised if so.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: CSSA BRISTOL <info.bristolcssa@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, May 7, 2021 10:20 AM

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Cc: [REDACTED]; bristolbmenetwork@gmail.com; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] International Office Main Mailbox <international-office@bristol.ac.uk>; [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: concern and question regarding to recent SU campaign event related to Xinjiang issue

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your reply, we have got in touch with this network, but we have not received any response from them.

However, I must emphasize again that the flag of East Turkistan, a terrorist organization recognized by the United Nations, appeared in their propaganda pictures. Perhaps many people do not know that East Turkistan is a terrorist organization, but we Chinese, as the direct victims of its evil deeds, clearly know its brutal and terrorist nature.

We know and support the University of Bristol SU's attitude of advocating freedom of speech and thought and welcomes various organizations and individuals to express their thoughts through an event, but this should not mean that this freedom is bottomless, at least it should Laws and regulations and basic human moral requirements.

So, the success of this kind of event is about to be held in SU. Does it mean that the University of Bristol SU has no review of the activities promoted by you, or that you have conducted the review but tolerant and support such terrorist information? Or do you even think that a terrorist organization to which the Chinese are the direct victims is not a terrorist organization?

Of course, we have contacted this organization directly, although we have not received any response. However, we believe that Bristol SU should act in the same way to investigate and make decisions, fulfilling your basic obligation against terrorism and not just providing its contact information for us to protest it.

Kind regards,

Bristol CSSA

Bristol SU Mailbox <bristol-su@bristol.ac.uk>于2021年5月6日 周四23:09写道 :

Hello Bristol CSSA,

Thank you for being so understanding about my delayed response to your original email.

As you are aware the BME Networks event has now been postponed until 10 May. I would like to suggest that you open a dialogue directly with the network about the event and the concerns you have stated.

The best way to do this would be to contact the Network Chair [REDACTED] via

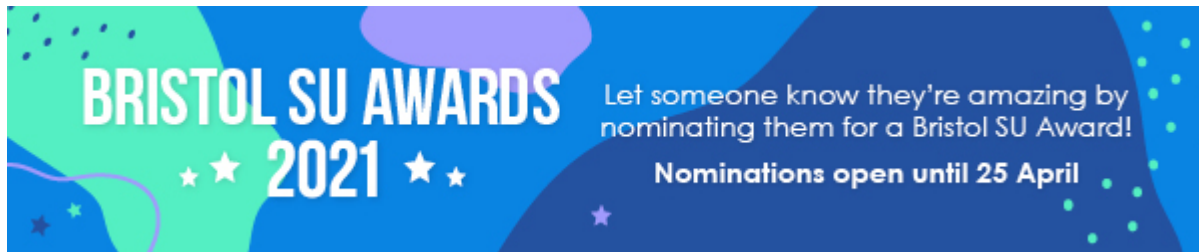
bristolbmenetwork@gmail.com.

Please do let me know how these conversations progress, I am hopeful that by discussing your concerns directly that an amicable solution can be found.

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

E: [REDACTED] W: bristolsu.org.uk



To help reduce the risk of spread of coronavirus, I will be working remotely for the time being. My working hours are Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm.

You can find [general university guidance](#) here, and [updates from the SU](#) here.
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From: CSSA BRISTOL <info.bristolcssa@gmail.com>

Sent: 06 May 2021 13:36

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Subject: Re: concern and question regarding to recent SU campaign event related to Xinjiang issue

To whom it may concern,

This letter is written by the representative of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association of Bristol (Bristol CSSA), a society registered under Bristol SU.

We have already known that the talk we discussed in the previous email has been delayed till Monday, 10th May because of a misfortunate and heart-breaking reason.

However, our concerns regarding to the content of the talk, as you have permitted, still await for an answer. We wish you could reply as soon as possible before the talk take place.

Fighting against terrorism is the obligation of everyone. BAME's use of the flag of a terrorist organization like East Turkistan for propaganda activities is absolutely not tolerated. As an organization with a very high sense of social responsibility, if the University of Bristol SU allows such activities to proceed, does it indicate its tolerance and acceptance of terrorism?

Our concerns represent the aspirations of most Chinese students at the University of Bristol, and we strongly believe that it deserves your great attention. We are willing to present our greatest sincerity to have the matter being settled peacefully.

Kind regards,

Bristol CSSA

Bristol SU Mailbox <bristol-su@bristol.ac.uk> 于 2021年5月5日周三 20:12写道 :

Good Afternoon,

Firstly, I would like to apologise for not acknowledging your email before now. Your message and concerns have been raised with the appropriate managers and we will be in contact again as soon as we have an update on the situation.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

The Student Services Team

To help reduce the risk of spread of coronavirus, many Bristol SU staff will be working remotely for the time being but are contactable via email.

Instead of dropping into the office, general enquiries should be sent to bristolsu@bristol.ac.uk where someone will direct you.

If you need to reach someone specific, you can find staff email addresses at our [online staff directory](#).

You can find [general university guidance](#) here, and [updates from the SU](#) here.

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From: CSSA BRISTOL <info.bristolcssa@gmail.com>

Sent: 04 May 2021 18:29

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[REDACTED] >; Bristol SU Mailbox <bristol-su@bristol.ac.uk>

Subject: concern and question regarding to recent SU campaign event related to Xinjiang issue

To whom it may concern,

This letter is written by the representative of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association of Bristol (Bristol CSSA), a society registered under Bristol SU.

We have noticed that the Bristol SU BLACK, ASIAN AND MINORITY ETHNIC NETWORK(BAME) is organising a combination of informative talks and setting up campaigns. The campaigns falsely claim the existence of violence of institutional oppression against Uyghur Muslims in Xinjiang, China, and even widely use the flag of East Turkestan in the posters to represent so called Xinjiang-related issues.

Xinjiang is an inalienable part of the territory of China. The East Turkestan has been identified as a terrorist group by United Nations Security Council, United Kingdom, China and many other institutions. We are shocked by the flag of the East Turkestan, and have to express strong dissatisfaction and firm opposition to it. Many Chinese students in Bristol University have expressed their deep concern about the posters and the campaigns. As a registered society and part of the SU of Bristol University, we feel obliged to represent our students and stand up against any infringement of integrity and justice. We welcome open discussions on Xinjiang but strongly protest against the irresponsible statement by the BAME network, and request the removal of the flag of the East Turkestan from the posters.

We expect the University of Bristol and Bristol Student Union to carry out investigations into the campaigns and look forward to hearing your reply.

Please find the evidence attached.

Kind regards,

Bristol CSSA