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Subject: Fwd: e-mails to Tara Neuwirth
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From: Tommy Wilde <tomwilde@mac.com>
Subject: Tara Neuwirth; ALC Director
Date: June 3, 2019 at 6:46:06 PM PDT
To: "Neuwirth, Tara" <TNeuwirt@unex.ucla.edu>

Dear Tara,

Regarding a decisive situation that you are in right now, please allow me to recount a time from several years ago, at the end of our going-away party for Audrey and Larry at the American Language Center. A few of us were sitting with you and Phaidra as you spoke to her candidly about the then out-going and in-coming Directors of the ALC, Bill Gaskill and Pat Colabucci, respectively. (Phaidra had recently quit the ALC, in large part because of that out-going Director, and was stopping by to say hello to us all.) Phaidra had asked you for your take on the new ALC Director and you replied that you thought Pat was, in a word, okay, but that, thankfully, unlike the out-going Director, he wasn't "malicious"—"Bill Gaskill was just malicious," were your exact words.

Upon hearing your opinion of Bill Gaskill, I thought to myself: A person is not allowed to become the director of a powerful (i.e., powerfully profitable) enterprise at UCLA by being malicious; after all, truly malicious people do not make effective administrators, nor do they make good PR. Rather, I thought, Gaskill had become the ALC Director by doing what he was told to do, regardless of whether others might have seen the "directives" he carried out as benign or malicious. In short, Gaskill was a superior "Yes-man" who was therefore awarded and rewarded commensurately; he did what he was told was necessary and never let "emotional" notions interfere with his carrying out those duties. And he did this so well that he was allowed to become the ALC Director and given a handsome salary and benefits package that would carry him very comfortably through his entire life (along with a significant amount of world travel as a much sought-after "perk").

Now you've been allowed to take the position of Director of the American Language Center. And just as I was "directed" to leave the ALC on a moment's notice and not come near the ALC area without prior permission, and further "directed" not to communicate with friends and colleagues of some twelve years, as the new Director of the ALC, you were also directed to act in this situation.

In some respects I could see your following these directives as "malicious." In fact, I do think it's malicious to treat a long-time ALC instructor as suddenly some sort of criminal who must therefore be kept away from the ALC and its entire population. And I think, too, of those times (years ago) when you came to me on a moment's notice, trusting me to take over ALC classes in which students had mutinied because they had rightly concluded that their assigned instructors were unfit for their teaching positions. In fact, as you may recall, I was very successful in taking over those classes and restoring the students' confidence in the ALC's instructors and in the ALC itself. So that how you're dealing with me now, through the directives you've been told to follow, can also rightly be seen as malicious.

So yes, superficially, the actions you're being directed to carry out are malicious (though your actions have a far from superficially malicious impact on my life), but I know that in fact you are just 'doing your job.' And I know that if you do not do your job as directed, you're risking a professionally damaging interruption (or the outright loss) of a prestigious career (and the loss of the lucrative and comfortable position mentioned above) within one of our nation's preeminent "elite" universities.

But you are an Ivy-league educated woman, and you are coming from a background that needs you to understand more intimately than many others the malicious consequences of those many past administrators who simply said, "I was just doing my job as I was told to do it."

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Therefore, I trust you see the absurdity of UCLA's firing an instructor because he sent "a large number" of unsolicited e-mails through his UCLA e-mail account. Indeed, since when does a preeminent university constantly declaring its commitment to the highest academic and ethical standards fire an instructor for sending a large number of unsolicited e-mails through his UCLA e-mail account? Have you even heard of this absurdity before? And do you really think I would have sent those e-mails through my ucla.edu account if I had known UCLA would fire me for doing so?

In fact, I do not believe UCLA is now moving to fire me for the number of unsolicited e-mails that I sent to UCLA faculty, staff, administrators, and graduate students; rather, I believe UCLA is firing me for the content of my e-mail. Or to put this matter into two clear, simple questions: Would anyone ever believe that UCLA fires its instructors for sending an unsolicited e-mail that congratulated some 3,500 UCLA faculty, staff, administrators, and graduate students for their work in lifting UCLA to the position of the number one ranked public university in the nation? Or: Would the Los Angeles Times ever keep from its readership the fact that the number one ranked public university in the nation fires its instructors for sending "a large number" of unsolicited e-mails to UCLA faculty, staff, administrators, and graduate students thanking them all for making UCLA "the most popular campus in the nation"? The answer to both these questions is clearly and simply, No.

So, I'm attaching below the e-mail (in .docx and .eml formats) that I sent to these people who study and/or work at "the most popular campus in the nation." You'll see therein what is not protected under UCLA's global marketing banners of academic freedom and its often trumpeted commitment to free speech—i.e., what is happening right now, which you are in the very center of, is that UCLA is abusing its immense power to eliminate a long-time instructor from its ranks because the facts and UCLA faculty statements he circulated at UCLA betray the global marketing slogans and multibillion-dollar fundraising propaganda of the number one ranked public university in the U.S.

Certainly, UCLA itself knows that I'm completely powerless in the present situation; otherwise, these administrators would never do what they've been doing to me for the past six weeks or what they're doing to me now. You, however, are now in a position to help stop these UCLA administrators from operating UCLA in a way that shows such a malicious abuse of their significant power. That is, you can be just another "malicious" Bill Gaskill and continue to be a servant of their abusive power by following their directives, or, at this crucial time in a still powerful #MeToo movement, you can stand up to their abusive power—and in doing so, stand up for yourself.

Sincerely,
Tom Wilde

Ps. I also sent this message and attachments as a letter with an enclosure to you at the ALC, via USPS.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tommy Wilde <wildetom@mac.com>
Subject: UCLA and the University of California
Date: April 19, 2020 at 9:06:09 AM PDT
To: Tara Neuwirth <tneuwirt@uclaextension.edu>

Dear Tara,

Today is April 19th, 2020. On this date one year ago, we both received a UCLA document informing us that I was to be removed from my classes immediately. I was also "directed" not to come to my work area, nor to approach the entire department of UCLA Extension, American Language Center. Furthermore, I was "directed not to contact any of the employees within UCLA Extension or within the scope of your current employment assignment"—meaning practically everyone who'd been part of my daily life for the previous twelve years.

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During a telephone conversation you and I had two months after we received that UCLA document, I told you the language in that document could come out of a dictatorship, as it gave us no information on which UCLA Acceptable Use Policy I had violated and zero information about the violation/misconduct itself. That is, upon creating and sending that document, UCLA completely cut me off from any place and any person that could have given me any information at all about what I had done wrong and why I was suddenly “directed” to stay inside that blacked-out isolation chamber. In short, what UCLA did to me is what any dictatorship/theocracy does to its people as a matter of course. And in fact, this treatment of human beings by UCLA essentially defines any dictatorship/theocracy. (And all because I sent an unsolicited e-mail to too many UCLA faculty, administrators, and staff.)

On July 15, 2019, I was accepted into what’s called an APM-140: Formal Grievance Resolution procedure by filing the necessary document with UCLA (I also sent it to you). Nine months later, this past Wednesday, April 15, 2020, I received a phone call that I was told was a finalization of this grievance procedure before UCLA hands down its “ruling” on this matter.

That 45-minute telephone “interview” was one of the most vile things I’ve ever been put through, and I’m just very sorry that I didn’t make a recording of Michael S. Goldstein's total insanity for the entire world to witness.

It’s taken me nearly 24 years to figure out the correct word for what UCLA administrators have done to me—not once, but twice. And now, finally, I’m sure I understand how and why those young children struggled over decades to find the words for what was being done to them by those men “closest to God,” whom we adults held in our highest reverence; now I’m sure I understand how and why those women struggled for decades before coming forth in intense fear and deep shame to tell the world what “our” highly-respected, highly-praised, highly-honored, and highly-awarded Harvey Weinstein had done to them.

As this situation stands today, one year after you and I received that police-state document from UCLA, I think you might not have understood the last line of the letter/e-mail I sent to you on June 3, 2019, just as the classes I was to have been teaching at the ALC were coming to an end. There I wrote:

“[A]t this crucial time in a still powerful #MeToo movement, you can stand up to their [UCLA administrators’] abusive power—and in doing so, stand up for yourself.”

Apparently, what you could not understand from my words is this: It’s really only when you stand up for others that you can truly begin to stand up for yourself.

In other words, when you stood by and watched UCLA fuck me, UCLA fucked you, too—very badly.

Sincerely,
Tom Wilde
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P.s. The images below will be followed by more—otherwise, my silence (and yours) makes me (and you) complicit in UCLA administrators’ fucking UCLA students now and UCLA administrators’ fucking UCLA students into the future. And Robin, I’m also sending yours over to CUNY, so that they know what else you’re bringing with you to their Graduate Center. (In any case, a Google Image search with “ucla marketing mannequins” will quickly bring you and the others up on any computer screen.)

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tommy Wilde <tomwilde@mac.com>
Subject: e-mail & telephone recording

Date: Mon, 7, 2020 at 11:00:05 AM PDT

Date: May 7, 2020 at 11:09:05 AM PDT

To: Tara Neuwirth <tneuwirt@uclaextension.edu>

Cc: "Neuwirth, Tara" <TNeuwirt@unex.ucla.edu>

Dear Tara,

I'm attaching below the e-mail I sent to some 5,000* UCLA faculty, administrators, staff and a number of graduate students in April, 2019, the one that so moved UCLA that this public university reached over into UCLA Extension to have you fire me. My guess is that you have already read this e-mail, but I want your copy of it to also come directly from me.

I'm also attaching below the recording of the telephone conversation we had on June 17, 2019, as part of the APM's Step I-*Informal Grievance Resolution*. Yes, in this 24-minute conversation with you and Katrin Kaehler, I'm almost comically repetitive and inarticulate, and I clumsily dropped important questions, answers, ideas and trains of thought just as I should have been carrying them further. Nevertheless, I'm confident that this recording will withstand the test of time. I think that's its real value, and I want you to have a copy of it from me, so that you, your family and your friends can share it on down the line as an important document in the history of how this nation's most prestigious public higher education system actually operates beneath its global flood of multimillion-dollar marketing and multibillion-dollar fundraising campaigns.

And yes, it's illegal to record telephone calls in California without the express consent of everyone joining in the call. But now I know that questions of legality and respect for this nation's vital laws are far secondary matters to UCLA as it grows its power and profits on a global scale. Indeed, UCLA could not have reached its current level of power and profits in the world without its ruthless abuse of its immense power.

Given UCLA's grotesque abuse of its power, it's imperative to keep in mind that just fifty years ago (when you and I were already 10 years old), the vast majority of women here in America simply didn't have the words for the horrific things men were doing to them in bedrooms and boardrooms throughout our society. In fact, they couldn't even make sense in their own minds of what was happening to them in order to express it in words to themselves. So they suffered deeply in silence, and thereby perpetuated the very thing that was brutally destroying them.

You and others most likely strongly reject my use of the word "fuck" to describe what UCLA (and the entire UC system) is doing to you and me right now.

But what's happening to you and me now is exactly what was happening to those women fifty years ago, who could not even conceive that those men were horrifically abusing them. ("It was just how men behaved with us at that time, and we just went along with it all as a routine part of our lives.") So, given this recent history, spread across our entire nation, it's entirely understandable that you cannot even conceive that this is what UCLA is doing to you now. But hopefully your UCLA-going daughters will come to understand this, and the sooner the better for them—and the others who are obediently "achieving" what we currently define as a "higher education." In fact, a true higher education absolutely requires that they come to this realization, because without this realization, they will blindly perpetuate the very thing that is destroying their ability to conceive and understand the mind-fucking abuse that UCLA is deeply inflicting on them right now—in order to make them into a "True Bruin."

Sincerely,
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*5,014 is the actual, computer-recorded number of that single e-mail I sent.