

James Moore

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 3:58 PM
To: James Moore
Subject: [REDACTED]

Hello Professor Moore,

Because you seem to be operating under the impression that those of us who disagree with you, who are filled with rage at your casual disregard for the immense trauma that too many women are reliving at this cultural moment, are embarrassed or unwilling to share our anger publicly: this "intemperate" message is for all to see.

Fuck you. My rage, my wrath, my raw trauma is not something I am going to push down or relegate to the shadows for one second longer. You are a pitiful excuse for a professor - someone who should care about the accuracy of their statements and the quality of their arguments.

Your disgusting attempt to create a straw man argument out of the backlash you have received is embarrassing. No one has said that accusers never lie, and by telling you that you are a complete asshole for using the platform of the Price Women and Allies to spew rhetoric that discourages women from coming forward we are not forced to defend the idea that accusers never lie.

When I read your assertion that women may "conspire" together to "destroy" the lives of innocent men it broke me. Because it ignores the fact that much more common than incredibly rare false accusations are individual men who prey on multiple women, destroying them. That is what happened to me. My assaulter went on to rape my friend. Was it a conspiracy when we acted as witness to one another when we gained the courage to speak out and report this man to our Title IX office?

You have gotten to where you are today because of systems of power and privilege shielded men like you from criticism or accountability. I am here today to let you know that your time is fucking up, and there is a generation of young women out here about to dismantle these systems until the patriarchy comes crashing down around you. I hope you are fucking ready, asshole.

Sincerely, un-anonymously, shouted from the God damn rooftops,

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On Fri, Sep 28, 2018, 3:29 PM James Moore [REDACTED] wrote:

Price students and faculty, Dean Knott

This has been a fascinating experience. A little over a third of the messages I have received in the past 24 hours about my position on the importance of due process have been some flavor of supportive, concurring, or

grateful. These messages are almost always in private and sometimes very clearly confidential. I am grateful and encouraged. These messages will all remain confidential.

The remaining two-thirds of the messages I have received are (mostly) public and critical. I have been able to respond to some of these messages individually, and will try to respond to all of them, but this will take some time. Some of the negative messages I have received privately have been a little intemperate. I will not be circulating any of these messages further. If you sent an intemperate one, you do not have to worry about it: It will never see the light of day.

Dean Knott, thank you for the support you have shown with respect to my opportunities for free speech. It is unclear that I have a right to free speech in exactly the way I think you meant it. If I worked at a public institution, my free-speech rights would be unambiguous, but I am a faculty member at a private university, and California's Leonard Law applies only to students. The only circumstances under which I can automatically expect free speech at USC is if the leadership agrees with me that I have it, and you have, so thank you.

I have dutifully reviewed the USC Price School's Values Statement, <https://priceschool.usc.edu/files/2018/08/Price-Statement-of-Core-Values3-copy.pdf>, and I am unable to identify any aspects of the content or context of my remarks that do not "appear to be consistent with the Price School's Values Statement."

I believe you did take "the time to choose" your "words carefully." You were so careful that I can only conclude your decision to paraphrase my three word sentence that, "Accusers sometimes lie.," which they sometimes do, as the unconditional phrase "—that accusers lie—," is an attempt position your readers' perceptions of me as unreasonable and extreme. This is gratuitous. It leads me to conclude that you are not really trying to raise the level of discussion.

If it is untrue that "Accusers sometimes lie.," then it can only be true that "Accusers never lie.," or that "Accusers always lie.," and I do not know anyone whom I think believes that either of these alternative states can be true. You seem to be intensely unhappy with the fact that I have said something that can only and obviously be true, and this is strange.

I am sorry you think I have made an important dialogue more difficult, but this discussion has never qualified as easy. If we restrict our attention to easy dialogues, we are going to have to ignore the most important questions, and I would rather not. I have full faith that our "respectful and cogent" community will be able work through their exposure to my assertion that we can and should do more as an institution and as an academy to protect the rights of, and ensure due process for, students accused of sexual misconduct; as "insensitive and incendiary" as my opinion might be.

Jim

Prof. Jim Moore, USC

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From: Knott, Jack H. [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 6:58 PM
To: James Moore [REDACTED]; USC Price Women and Allies [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Coffee and Title IX with Price Women and Allies

Dear students and alumni and all those who have been exposed to this email:

I am writing to respond to the series of emails generated by the announcement from the Price Women and Allies (PWA) regarding a “Coffee and Title IX” informational event to be held on campus in the coming weeks. I am taking the time to choose my words carefully, because words matter. And sometimes, the timing of the words we use matters even more. That is where we are today: words were shared that addressed a student led and student initiated panel on Title IX policy.

One faculty member chose to use this announcement to make a statement that, to many of those who read it, including me, was both insensitive and incendiary. As a School, we value the principle of freedom of speech. Each of us, whether student, faculty or staff, has the right to express their opinion about issues that concern us, even if those opinions might be perceived as inflammatory, inaccurate or inappropriate. Any faculty member, no matter how much we might disagree with his or her perspective, has the right to share their opinion.

That said, I want to reiterate very clearly and firmly that the opinion expressed by Professor Moore does not reflect my perspective nor does it appear to be consistent with the Price School’s Values Statement, endorsed by the faculty. We are a School community that is deeply and fully committed to ensuring the safety and security of our students; we work hard to ensure that our community and culture supports and celebrates the vibrant diversity of those who are connected to Price. And, we know and understand the importance of

educating our students about their rights, so we can work together to eradicate any and every instance of sexual misconduct, sexual assault or any expression of disrespect for anyone in our community.

The statement made -- that accusers lie -- in my opinion showed a lack of sensitivity to the current climate, here at the University and in communities across the country. The issue here is not a question of free speech, but a question of respect for the students and other members of the Price School community. We have been dealing with the sexual abuse scandal at the University for months and the current Senate committee hearings with Dr. Blasey Ford and Judge Kavanaugh today have added to the broader conversations we must have around sexual assault.

As a School of Public Policy, with ethics and civil discourse as cornerstones, we have an obligation to provide a safe space for our community to address issues of sexual abuse in an environment of honest exchange and dialogue, and I am grateful that our students are helping to provide that space. The comments made by Professor Moore may have made such a dialogue more difficult, but the respectful and cogent responses to his comments from our community have underscored to me that the conversation organized by our students is more critical than ever. Please join me and other allies for this important panel.

Jack H. Knott, Dean

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From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** James Moore

Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 3:09 PM

To: USC Price Women and Allies [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Coffee and Title IX with Price Women and Allies

If the day comes you are accused of some crime or tort of which you are not guilty, and you find your peers automatically believing your accuser, I expect you will find yourself a stronger proponent of due process protections than you are now. Accusers sometimes lie.

Jim

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** USC Price Women and Allies
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 2:40 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] Coffee and Title IX with Price Women and Allies

Hi Price Students,

It took quite a bit of work and it almost didn't happen, but I'm proud to announce that in two weeks, Price Women and Allies (PWA), will be premiering our first "Coffee & Title IX" event in partnership with the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work. Join us for light refreshments as, Maddy Moore, of Know Your IX informs us on the capacities of Title IX, and participate in a candid and open dialogue on the realities of sexual violence and misconduct on college campuses.

With Dr. Christine Blasey Ford's testimony happening today, we are personally inspired to reiterate the importance of educating and empowering women and allies alike, and most of all, to BELIEVE SURVIVORS. We can only hope to have a modicum of the courage she has displayed today in the face of adversity that great in our lifetime.

Attached please find more details of the event. Although the event is free, please [RSVP](#). We hope to see you there!

Kindly,

PWA - Price Women and Allies

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