



IlliniPAC - Illini Public Affairs Committee

Statement on University of Illinois Condemnation of Israeli Flag Desecration

Several of our members attended a rally on campus a few weeks ago to support the Muslim and international community. As the rally came to a close, we were disheartened to see the desecration of an Israeli flag and offensive statements made about the campus pro-Israel community. We attended the rally to show support for our allies, and instead left feeling unwelcome. Illini Public Affairs Committee thanks the Chancellor, Interim Provost, and the Vice Chancellor for releasing a statement today condemning this specific act among other recent incidents of intolerance. They said in the statement: "We are at our best when we engage in dialogue that encompasses the widest range of views and voices. We do not need to agree on every issue. But hopefully we can agree that showing respect and regard for those around us is always a choice we can make." IlliniPAC has been in conversations with the University to express our concerns and raise awareness about divisiveness that is occurring on campus. We will continue to work with the University to encourage a campus community that condemns all acts of intolerance and promotes inclusivity. Illinois students: we are with you. We proudly stand with all students of any faith, racial, or political background.

About us: Illini Public Affairs Committee (IlliniPAC) is a bipartisan organization of pro-Israel students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign dedicated to strengthening the relationship between the United States and Israel. IlliniPAC advocates for bipartisan Congressional support for a strong U.S.-Israel alliance, educates the student body on the importance of supporting Israel, and engages student leaders across campus to promote a pro-Israel environment at the University. Learn more at illinipac.org/about.