

April 15, 2015

Student Leaders of Divest UMW University of Mary Washington

Dear Student Leaders of Divest UMW:

Pursuant to the University policy, Expressive Activity by Members of the University Community (Policy # F.8.4. in BoardDocs), all participants in the "sit-in" taking place on the first floor of George Washington Hall are directed to depart and remove all belongings no later than 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. Those who persist in the location will be considered trespassing and subject to applicable law and police intervention.

This action is being taken due to escalating safety concerns. The increasing volume of material possessions in the hallway – food, clothing, electronics, etc. – and ongoing encroachment upon the public walk space and freedom of ingress and egress create a safety hazard and unreasonably interfere with the functions of George Washington Hall.

Given these concerns and our first priority on individual health and safety, we are requiring the above noted action.

The University of Mary Washington continues to support the student right to advocate for issues of concern, but first must meet health and safety standards and expectations. We anticipate your compliance. Any personal belongings remaining in the space after 6:30 p.m. on April 15 will be removed in accordance with University protocol and available for retrieval from university police.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact the individuals below.

Sincerely,

Doug Searcy Vice President for Student Affairs Richard Pearce

Vice President for Administration and Finance