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	DISTRICT OF	ARIZONA				
15	ASU Students For Life, an unincorporated)				
16	Association; Katherine Brind'Amour; Sara Combellick; Jeffrey Malkoon; and) Case No. :				
17	Christopher White,)				
18	Plaintiffs,)				
19	VS.) VERIFIED COMPLAINT				
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20	Michael M. Crow, in his individual capacity, and in his official capacity as)				
21	President of Arizona State University; Sally Ramage, in her individual capacity,)				
22	and in her official capacity as Interim)				
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Vice President of Student Affairs for)
Arizona State University; Judy)
Schroeder , in her individual capacity, and)
in her official capacity as Senior Program)
Manager for the Memorial Union at)
Arizona State University,)
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Defendants.)
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Come now the Plaintiffs, ASU Students for Life, Katherine Brind'Amour, Sara Combellick, Jeffrey Malkoon and Christopher White (collectively "ASUSL"), by and through their attorneys, and for their Verified Complaint state as follows:

I. NATURE OF ACTION

1. Arizona State University ("ASU"), a public institution, required ASUSL to purchase liability insurance before it was allowed to present pro-life messages on campus, though there is no evidence this requirement was ever imposed on any other student expression. This prior restraint on protected speech is applied by the Defendants in ad hoc, discriminatory manner, and gives unfettered discretion to administrators to censor protected speech. Defendants enforce a system in which ASUSL's ability to engage in protected speech is contingent upon the financial status of the student organization. Plaintiffs bring this 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action to redress the violation of their constitutional rights and to safeguard their right to engage in protected speech on ASU's campus in the future, after repeated informal efforts to resolve the matter failed. In this suit, the Plaintiffs seek declaratory and injunctive relief to prevent Defendants from further violating their rights. This Verified Complaint also seeks nominal and compensatory damages.

II. JURISDICTION

1	9.	Plaintiff Katherine Brind'Amour is presently a third-year student at ASU.		
2	10.	She is the current President of ASUSL and resides in Tempe, Arizona.		
3	11.	Plaintiff Sara Combellick is presently a second-year student at ASU.		
4	12.	She is the current Secretary/Treasurer of ASUSL and resides in Scottsdale,		
5	Arizona.			
6	13.	Plaintiff Jeffrey Malkoon is presently a second-year student at ASU.		
7	14.	He is the current Executive Director of ASUSL and resides in Phoenix,		
8	Arizona.			
9	15.	Plaintiff Christopher White is presently a fourth-year student at ASU.		
10	16.	He was the Director of Public Relations for ASUSL from March 2005 to		
11	March 2006 and resides in Chandler, Arizona.			
12		B. Defendants		
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space to conduct their exhibit. (Ex. H, Letter from David J. Hacker to Paul J. Ward, Dec. 19, 2005).

- Later on December 19, 2005, Christopher received another e-mail from 52. Defendant Schroeder, stating that the "company that provides the display will need to submit a certificate of insurance and pay a \$300 fee for the ability to come on campus. effective This policy 1/2/06 and can found at http://www.asu.edu/clubs/sorc/mall.htm under vendor checklist and insurance indemnification." (Ex. I, E-Mail from Judy Schroeder to Christopher White, Dec. 19, 2005, at 132; see also id. at 133-38).
- 53. When Christopher reserved zones for events held by ASUSL in the past, including events involving off-campus speakers, he had never been referred to requirements for vendors.
- When Christopher reserved zones for events held by ASUSL in the past, including events involving off-campus speakers, he had never been made aware of any requirement for insurance.
- On December 20, 2005, ASUSL sent another letter through counsel to 55. The letter clarified that JFA was a nonprofit entity engaged solely in First ASU. Amendment activities, and was not a "vendor, salesperson or solicitor" under the express terms of the cited policy, nor was the policy was inapplicable to the free speech activities of a student club. (Ex. J, Letter from David J. Hacker to Paul J. Ward, Dec. 20, 2005).
- 56. Through counsel, Defendants then granted ASUSL permission to use zones 1, 2, 3, 6, 6A, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 20 subject to a \$50 reservation fee, proof of

63. Documentation provided by Defendants to justify the insurance requirement referred only to vendors, contractors, or lessees, and not to student organizations.

- 64. Despite repeated requests through counsel for Defendants to clarify the insurance requirement and provide evidence it was being uniformly applied, Defendants failed to provide either clarification or evidence of uniform application to officially recognized student groups. (*See* Ex. M; Ex. N, Letter from Heather Gebelin Hacker to Nancy Tribbensee, Jan. 26, 2006; Ex. O, Letter from Nancy Tribbensee to Heather Gebelin Hacker, Feb. 2, 2006; Ex. P, Letter from Heather Gebelin Hacker to Nancy Tribbensee, Feb. 7, 2006; Ex. Q, Letter from Heather Gebelin Hacker to Nancy Tribbensee, Feb. 15, 2006).
- 65. Defendants responded through counsel in a letter dated February 15, 2006, which in pertinent part states:

In response to your February 7, 2006 letter, there are no records or formal written policies that would apply to this situation. In non-vendor situations decisions are made on a case-by-case basis. I can assure you, however, that the default is that any event on campus conducted by a non-university agent must be adequately insured. It has nothing to do with content or student group sponsorship. The only time an exception is made is when: 1) there is little or no chance of injury to anyone or any thing, including the event participants or their own property; and 2) the persons or person conducting the event would have no reason to think they would need insurance....

Unfortunately, if ASUSL and/or Justice for Life [sic] are unable or unwilling to purchase the insurance...I will have to advise the Memorial Union to cancel the reservations.

(Ex. R, Letter from Matthew G. Walton to Heather Gebelin Hacker, Feb. 15, 2006, at 168).

out the "Outdoor Event and Sales Request Form."

Office to see if he could obtain an exception to the insurance policy for their planned

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- 101. Christopher called the Office of General Counsel and spoke with Defendants' counsel, Matthew Walton. Mr. Walton told Christopher that the TULIP quote seemed high for the type of event they were hosting, and that Christopher should speak with the Student Risk Management Office about obtaining a lower rate.
- 102. Subsequently on April 17, 2006, Christopher spoke with Defendant Schroeder, who told him that ASUSL would not be required to provide proof of insurance for any aspect of their event with Silent No More because Silent No More was not a "formal organization," meaning that they "did not occupy a physical building."
- 103. Upon information and belief, Defendants have no written policy setting forth the policy in the preceding paragraph.

agents, servants, employees, or persons acting at their behest or direction, were done and

discretion in the hands of the Defendants to deny disfavored or controversial expression.

- A. That this Court preliminarily and permanently enjoin the Defendants, their agents, servants, employees, officials, or any other person acting in concert with them or on their behalf, from enforcing customs, practices and/or policies as they pertain to conduct made the subject of this Verified Complaint, or that in any way discriminate against Plaintiffs on the basis of their viewpoint or the content of their expression; specifically, Defendants' policy of requiring insurance for off-campus individuals or organizations that are a part of ASUSL's protected expression on ASU's campus;
- B. That this Court issue a declaratory judgment declaring the conduct of Defendants and Defendants' policy of requiring insurance for all off-campus persons and organizations part of a student organization's expressive activities on ASU's campus to be unconstitutional both facially and as applied to Plaintiffs under the First and Fourteenth Amendments;
- C. Adjudge, decree, and declare the rights and other legal relations with the subject matter here in controversy, in order that such declaration shall have the force and effect of final judgment;
- D. Grant Plaintiffs an award of nominal damages against the individual defendants in an amount deemed appropriate by this Court;
- E. Grant Plaintiffs an award of compensatory damages against the individual Defendants for funds spent by Plaintiffs and/or on behalf of Plaintiffs to enable Plaintiffs to conduct their expressive activity on ASU's campus, including, but not limited to, funds spent by Plaintiffs to acquire insurance for the JFA exhibit including a reasonable rate of interest from the date damages were incurred until the conclusion of the case;

1		F.	Grant Plaintiffs' reas	onable costs and	expenses of this action, including			
2	attorneys' fees, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 1988;							
3		G.	Grant such other and	I further relief as	this Court deems just and proper			
4	and							
5		H.	Retain jurisdiction of	this matter for the	e purpose of enforcing this Court'			
6	order	S.						
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8		Dated	this 21st day of July, 2	006.	Respectfully submitted,			
9					s/ Heather Gebelin Hacker Benjamin W. Bull			
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I, Katherine Brind'Amour, a citizen of the United States and resident of the State of Arizona, hereby declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and the factual allegations therein, and the facts as alleged are true and correct.

Executed this <u>Ab</u>day of June, 2006.

atherine Brind'Amour

I, Sara Combellick, a citizen of the United States and resident of the State of Arizona, hereby declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and the factual allegations therein, and the facts as alleged are true and correct.

Executed this 16th day of July, 2006.

Sara Combellick Sara Combellick

I, Jeffrey Malkoon, a citizen of the United States and resident of the State of Arizona, hereby declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to $28~U.S.C.~\S~1746$ that I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and the factual allegations therein, and the facts as alleged are true and correct .

Executed this 7 day of July, 2006.

Jeffrey Malkoon

I, Christopher White, a citizen of the United States and resident of the State of Arizona, hereby declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and the factual allegations therein, and the facts as alleged are true and correct.

Executed this $\frac{8}{2}$ day of July, 2006.

Christopher White