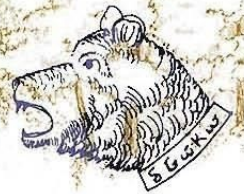


Order of the Golden Bear



The Usual Place, February 7, 2017

The topic for tonight's discussion was on the events surrounding the cancelled Milo Yiannopolous talk hosted by Berkeley College Republicans on February 1st.

The discussion began with many Fellows disagreeing with the destruction of property. Some Fellows described the incident as problematic due to the violent message sent to conservative students on campus. Many Fellows described a group, later identified as BAMN (By Any Means Necessary), as a militant group that caused and provoked the violent outburst.

This discussion sparked a conversation on the campus' history of protest. Fellows spoke about daytime protests that have occurred without incident. In addition, a Fellow highlighted the fact that said event was designed as a performance with the intent of making people upset. Another Fellow shared the tangible impact of the speaker onto a variety of minority groups. Some Fellows added that there have been past acts of violence toward students as a result of having this speaker perform. A Fellow brought up the case of a transgender student that was harassed to the point of dropping out from college. Many Fellows began to reconsider the speaker's form of speech as hate speech. Fellows proposed that protections from the administration for minority groups should take place.

Additionally, many Fellows proposed for there to be an exchange of ideas. These Fellows suggested to talk with BCR regarding safety concerns. A few Fellows spoke to the educational value of hearing opposing views. Individual Fellows talked about how a lack of dialog from both groups leads to extremist ideas. Fellows suggested that students should have an intellectual approach and counter to the speaker.

Traditionally the last few minutes of every discussion are dedicated to creating solutions. Many Fellows encouraged defunding student groups that promote violence. Other Fellows suggested that everyone should branch out and talk to Republican and/or conservative students. A Fellow

emphasized that the entire campus community is responsible for the positive and negative impacts for the university. Another Fellow encouraged those Fellows present to be allies for other communities and to find a middle ground between both groups if/when this speaker returns to campus.