KCC Common Ground is a student club founded with the purpose of fighting racism and racists at Kingsborough Community College.

Faculty club co-advisors Ryan Schiavone and Patrick Lloyd were each questioned separately on Thursday March 2 by KCC’s College attorney, the director of human resources, and an assistant to the President. The excuse the administration gave for the interrogation was alleged “harassment” and “improper leafleting” against a racist administrator. The College attorney instead repeatedly questioned Schiavone and Lloyd for details about the students they were working with in their club, Common Ground—they even phrased the question “naming names.” Each time the attorney asked, Schiavone and Lloyd refused to name names. **Antiracists do not believe in “naming names” and we will never do so, no matter the consequences.**

This interrogation came in response to Common Ground students and professors protesting two racist attacks at KCC last fall. On November 3rd, a racist attack involving a racist student and campus police occurred in the cafeteria. The racist student was having an argument with a Black student. At one point, he started using the n-word (with the hard “r”) and attempted to provoke a fight among the students. Adrian, a student of the Common Ground club, attempted to de-escalate the situation. It was then that campus security flooded the cafeteria. Despite being told the situation, the cops, instead of detaining the racist, aggressively tackled Adrian, even though at no point did Adrian make physical contact with anyone. Four officers subdued Adrian with a knee to his back, detained him in handcuffs, and shoved him out the door into an SUV.

Since that day, KCC President Claudia V. Schrader has attempted to defame and slander the students and faculty of Common Ground. The administration and public security have made every false claim they can think of about the two club co-advisors from “spreading misinformation” to “manipulating students.” We say that if any of the claims were true, they would have no problem with making the security cam footage available to the public for all to verify for themselves. Instead, in addition to lying, they held an improperly announced, fraudulent election on December 3, where a student government officer supporting Common Ground was voted out. Out of the thousands of students at the college, thirteen voted.

Since the beginning of these events, Kingsborough’s administration has not punished the racist student in any shape or form. On the contrary, they’ve gone to great lengths to protect and accommodate the racist student. Recently, *the student* *who was called* the n-word was given six months of academic probation and ordered to take a course in workplace violence. **Once again, this system demonstrates that “free speech” only protects racists and bigots, while antiracists are attacked.**

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