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LETTER OF APPEAL

Dear Alumni, Current Students, and Past Students,

We need your help.

As you have seen in the news, former UCCI Professor Pavlov Rameau has pled guilty to a dozen counts of child pornography in April. While much has been discussed about the University's needs to assess, revamp and create policies, practices, and procedures to safeguard our students in the future, we understand that there is a high probability that there are other survivors in our community who have not come forward with their stories.

We understand how incredibly difficult it is for survivors to break the silence about their abuse, even when there are no additional fears of external repercussions for speaking out. Thus, we wanted to lay out exactly why it is that we are asking this now, what we hope to achieve together and what you can expect from UCCI.

The impact of sexual abuse and harassment has far reaching consequences that extend beyond the victim of the abuse. Perpetrators become more empowered to carry on their crimes on other victims if there are no repercussions for what they are doing or have done. Studies have shown that perpetrators of sexual abuse tend to be repeat offenders: "Speaking with 99 male sex offenders, court records showed 136 victims between them, but later during treatment, they eventually confessed to 959 victims between them." (Slicner, 2007)

The scope of this problem is staggering, and in this post #metoo world it is important to shed light on this truth. We cannot begin to solve a problem without understanding, as much as possible, the extent of that problem. And that is what we are trying to do: to figure out the extent of the problem here at UCCI, past, and present.

We need survivors to help break the silence. We understand how unfair it is that on top of everything we are asking this, but survivors' voices and stories are important not only in and of themselves but also as we try to piece together this puzzle and the scope to which victimisation has taken place.

As it pertains to academics here at the University College, let us be clear: your grades will not be impacted. If you have already obtained a degree, your degree will not be revoked or challenged.

Furthermore, UCCI respects the rights of all survivors. This includes the right to remain anonymous and to have control over decisions affecting them.

We have reached this point because one student had the courage to speak out. One student whose name you will never know, and whom we will never be able to acknowledge publicly and thank properly for the immeasurable service done to our community- not only UCCI but Cayman as a whole.

Whether you are/were under/over the age of 18, your story matters.

For further information, or to speak to someone, please contact any of the following persons:

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As always, all information will be kept in the strictest confidence.

Thank you.

The UCCI Senior Management Team