Dear Student Association Governing Committee,

On April 30th, we, the UB Men's AAU Club Ice Hockey team, were notified that we would be derecognized if we did not meet the requirements of having 3 on-campus meetings by May 1st. We were subsequently derecognized on May 1st by the Student Association leadership. We are writing to appeal this decision since we did host 3 meetings on-campus this year, and are able to provide evidence of this.

Our club is unique in that we are one of the few clubs whose majority of meetings occur off-campus, mainly partaking at the Northtown Center, an ice rink located and supported by the Town of Amherst. We are also unique in that the club is comprised of two entities: a hockey team that plays in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA), and our team that plays in the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) league. The past year's student leadership group was comprised mostly of players from the ACHA team, including the club's president and vice president; therefore, the policy decisions were made by the ACHA team given that members of their team were in these leadership positions. We, the AAU team, were under the assumption that they would follow the guidelines set by SA regarding documenting the hosting of on-campus club meetings in addition to each team's documented bi-weekly practices and games at the Northtown Center. However, it was recently made aware to us that this entity of our club, the ACHA team, made plans to leave SA throughout the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 semesters with the goal of being funded by another department beginning in the Fall 2024 semester. We do have evidence of these claims. Thus, it is clear that the previous leadership had no interest in following SA guidelines, as evidenced by the failure to document the 3 on-campus meetings with their team and the additional 21 separate violations of SA policy, none of which, stemmed from our AAU team.

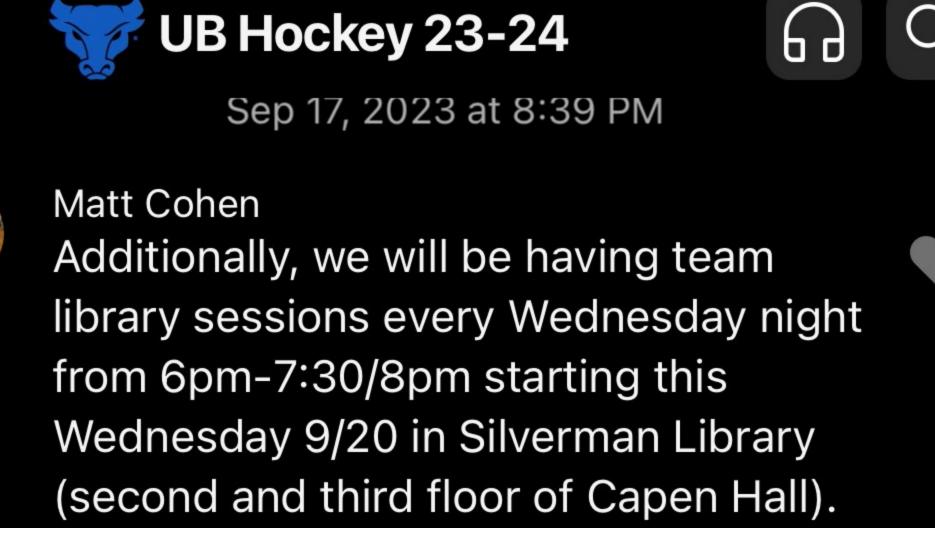
Since this ACHA team is no longer going to be associated with our club as of 5/1/24, we, the AAU team, are left in an unfortunate situation of receiving punishment for this entity's disregard of SA policy while we continuously followed it. As mentioned, our team (AAU) hosted and has documentation of 3 on-campus meetings that we held during the academic year that were, unbeknownst to us, not filed due to either oversight and/or negligence by last year's ACHA leadership group. We sincerely apologize for this clerical error. We are asking that the student association governance committee forgive this mistake and once again recognize the UB Men's Ice Hockey Club, which is now solely comprised of members of the AAU team, since we did in fact meet this requirement. We have attached receipts of room bookings where we held our club meetings this year as evidence of this occurrence to this email.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appeal meeting, please feel free to reach out to Nathaniel Bailey at ntbailey@buffalo.edu.

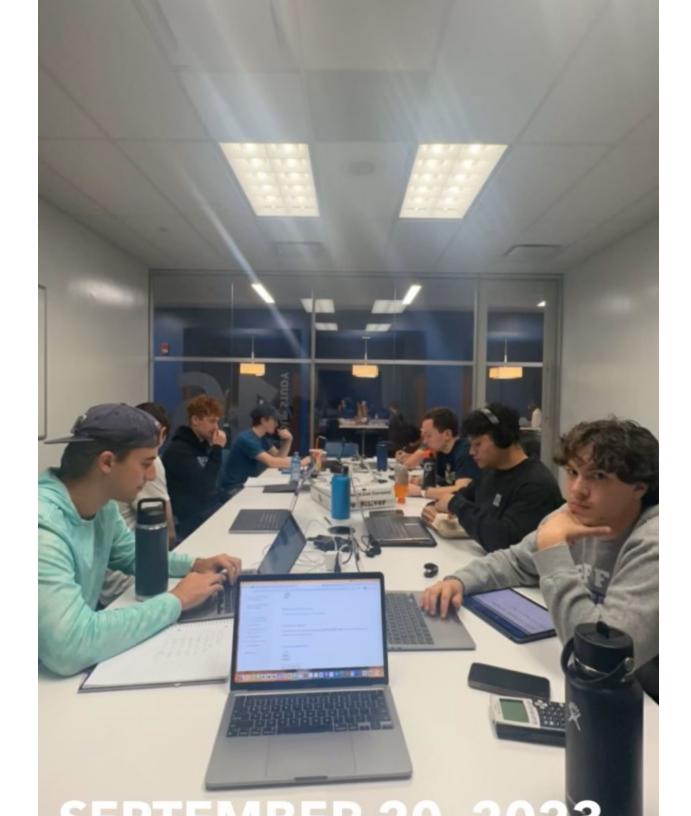
Sincerely,

The UB Men's AAU Club Ice Hockey Team

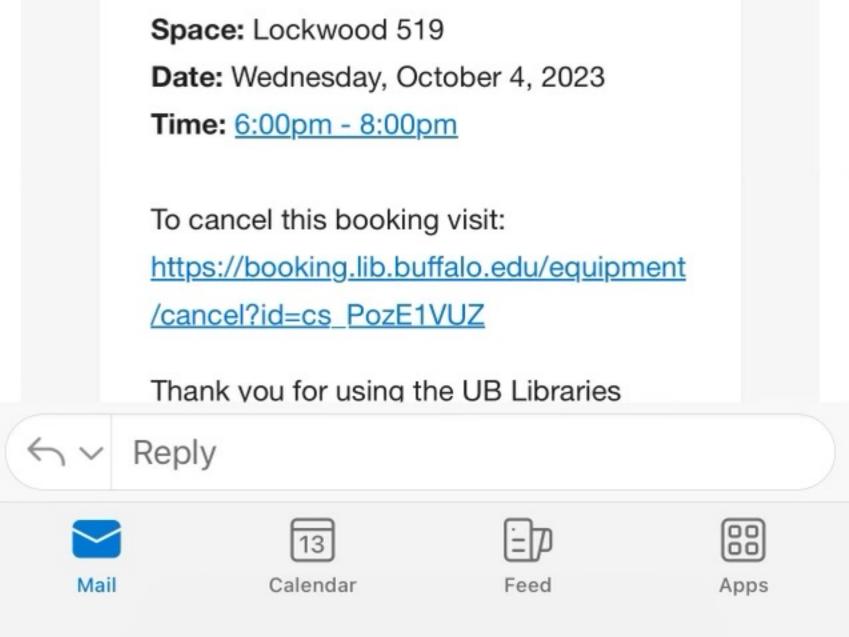
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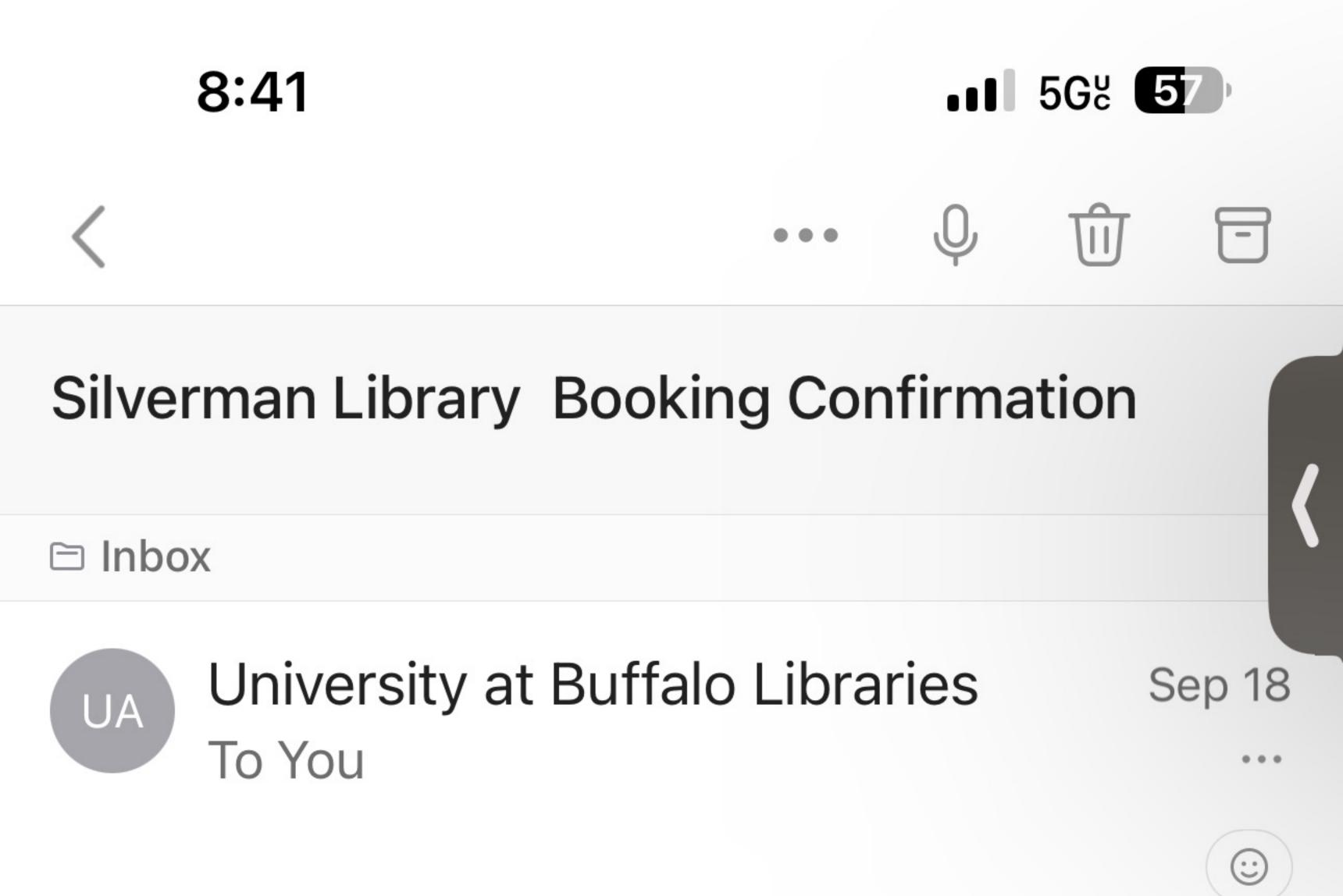


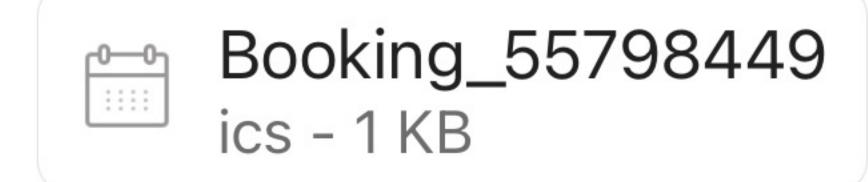
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Hi Matthew,

The following has been confirmed: **Room 16**: 6:00pm - 8:00pm Wednesday, September 20, 2023

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