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To: Heather Russell

Subject: Update - FLASC Symposium

Dear Heather,

It has come to our attention that you or your colleagues may have been contacted by Mr. Babacar M'Bow regarding the Florida Africana Studies Consortium's annual symposium, which Mr. M'Bow promoted as occurring at MOCA, North Miami on June 13-14. We regret to inform you that the symposium will not take place at the museum at this time. The standard application procedure that all groups must follow for holding such an event at the museum was not adhered to, despite our offer to Mr. M'Bow to facilitate and even expedite the process.

By way of clarification, Mr. M'Bow is not the Director of MOCA, as he may have presented himself to you, nor even on staff at the museum. We hope the event can be rescheduled to accommodate the proper application and review process, and look forward to engaging you and your colleagues in exciting programming at MOCA. Please know that, as always, those invitations will come via Alex Gartenfeld, MOCA's Interim Director and Chief Curator, and Lisa Fernandez, V.P. of Education and Public Programs.

On behalf of MOCA's board of trustees, Mr. Gartenfeld and Ms. Fernandez, we sincerely apologize for any confusion this has caused.

Best,

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