



October 25, 2018

Ms. Rosa Clemente  
c/o Mr. Jim Oliver  
Gotham Artists Talent Services  
554 5th Avenue, 6th FL  
New York, NY 10036

Dear Ms. Clemente,

Recently, you graciously accepted an invitation from Western Carolina University to speak to our campus community. Our university strives to engage the highest caliber speakers to represent a diversity of opinions and viewpoints and to make that experience a positive, learning opportunity for our students, our faculty, and our staff, as well as for our esteemed guest speakers. On Tuesday, you fulfilled those high standards for a distinguished speaker. However, Western Carolina University failed to meet its promise to make the experience a positive, learning opportunity and we sincerely and profoundly apologize to you and those who came to hear you speak.

The disclaimer that was read prior to your remarks is not typical university practice and, as an institution of higher learning that deeply values freedom of speech and our role in providing a forum for the free and open exchange of diverse ideas and thoughts, it was unnecessary. We will continue to review and modify our event protocols to ensure that, in the future, we live up to the high standards we expect for our institution and our valued campus guests.

We sincerely regret this situation, but hope that you will accept our promise that we will use this as a moment for our campus community to come together in renewed commitment to our values and aspirations.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Burton".

Carol Burton  
Acting Provost

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sam Miller".

Sam Miller  
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs