

Subject: Current Student Demands of Justice and Accountability

Voices4Upeace is sending this email on behalf of current student organizers to protect their identities from retaliation. Please read the message below from current UPeace students.

Dear Dr. Francisco Rojas,

We feel we have exhausted every measure to receive transparency and accountability for the various struggles we have endured since attending this University for only 6 weeks.

The collective student body communicated concerns about the ***UPM-6007 Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Chair: New Approaches for Peace*** course, specifically Luis Moreno Ocampo's involvement. The following student requests have been disregarded and remain unaddressed: Luis Moreno Ocampo should be replaced as the lead instructor of the course, and an alternative, optional course needs to be made available for students who withdrew from UPM-6007 and are now in need of supplementary credits. Most recently, following a dialogue session between the student body and Luis Moreno Ocampo, which was automatically Zoom-recorded, Ocampo has refused to provide UPeace faculty and students with this recording. His actions are in direct contradiction with the promises students received during that dialogue session that the recording would be made accessible to all students who were initially enrolled in the UPM-6007 course. Students have come to learn, from admissions by faculty themselves, that the decision to add this course as a requirement and the invitation extended to Ocampo were unilaterally made by the Rector, who is acting as “the highest authority of the University.”

Students in the **M.A. in Peace Education** have formally communicated concerns regarding significant changes to the program, the manner in which these have been handled, and have requested immediate institutional action to resolve the matter. These students enrolled in this program based on the curriculum, specialization, academic structure, and educational experience presented to us during the admissions process. Students of the Peace Education program have yet to receive permanent compensation for the severe institutional breach of contract they have experienced, a resident academic advisor, and a permanent change in curriculum.

A student in the **M.A. in Gender and Development** has also formally communicated concerns regarding significant changes to the program, the manner in which these have been handled, and have requested immediate institutional action to resolve the matter. This student has also not received permanent compensation for the institutional breach of contract they have experienced.

Collectively, we are demanding;

- 1. The Rector, Dr. Francisco Rojas to step down.**

2. Financial transparency from the University, specifically given that faculty have admitted that they possess no knowledge of where or from whom funding is currently coming from.
3. Transparency from the University on who currently sits on the institution's governing Council, how students can engage with Council members directly, and what the Council is doing to ensure no abuses of power are carried out by the Rector, Dr. Francisco Rojas.
4. Clarity on the unilateral changes made to the University foundational courses, which were added to all students' schedules.
5. The full, unedited recording of the dialogue session between UPeace student body members and the guest lecturers of the UPM-6007 course, which is currently being withheld by Luis Moreno Ocampo.
6. Protection for all students against retaliation – specifically Ruby Lenertz, given her ongoing involvement in the handling of the situation involving Luis Moreno Ocampo and the dialogue session that resulted from student concerns over the UPM-6007 course.
7. Financial compensation for the students in the M.A. in Peace Education program, a resident qualified academic advisor, and an updated schedule with the agreed-upon changes to the curriculum.
8. Financial compensation for the student in the M.A. in Gender and Development program and an updated schedule with the agreed-upon changes to the curriculum.

We stand in solidarity with the [Open Letter of Concern to UPeace Leadership](#) sent by Alumni of the University for Peace.

We are protesting the lack of response to these urgent matters by staging a non-violent, peaceful sit-in in the Rector's office on October 14, 2026. We expect that this University will hear our demands and act accordingly.

As such, we are requesting that all University administrators review our FULL list of demands and schedule a meeting with concerned student body members, which should occur within a week of this email being sent out. Please let it be known that the peaceful student sit-in will not come to an end until students receive written assurance that this meeting is scheduled, involves all prominent faculty and administrators (Francisco Rojas Aravena, Juan Carlos Sainz-Borgo, Kathya Araya, Mihir Kanade, Ariela Fernandez, Daniel Fonseca Malavasi, Antonela Alpizar), and will be used as a space to present how the University will be meaningfully addressing our demands.

Kindly,

UPeace Students