

Community Conversations Working Group Recommendations

The Community Conversations Working Group (CCWG) met three times during June-July 2024. Our group consisted of a variety of key leaders across the University with expertise in media, public affairs, history and Middle East studies specifically work in Palestine and Israel. We discussed the events that occurred on campus during the 2023-2024 academic year and developed several recommendations on how our community can have productive conversations about critical issues in a respectful and constructive manner.

First, we suggest conducting community conversation workshops where the group sets norms for conversation; provides ground rules for respectful conversation even about difficult topics; includes neutral facilitators; and provides a report to the university on outcomes. We strongly believe we should include students early in the process to help plan and implement the process to ensure student voice is uplifted and respected.