

Sunday, March 18, 2012

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Drs. Gonzalez and Hindman,

I write to request my right to invoke an automatic due process hearing following receipt of a letter from Associate Provost Tony Cary on March 16, 2012, which informs me of disciplinary sanctions in process against me. Dr. Cary circumvented my rights to due process by (1) instructing me to respond in writing to him within 10 calendar days, and (2) informing me that if I was to obtain legal counsel I must do so within these 10 days. This is not due process at Appalachian State University or in the UNC system. Moreover, Dr. Carey instructed me that I was not to talk to ASU students or employees from that day forward. This is a restriction of my free speech. Dr. Carey removed me from teaching classes on the basis of allegations of inappropriate speech while teaching subject matter pertinent to sociology as a field of study. This is a serious imposed sanction that violates my rights to academic speech.

I believe I am entitled to a Due Process Hearing, as these actions by Dr. Carey are disciplinary actions with sanctions.

I await notification from you on the date of the Due Process Hearing.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jammie Price". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and contact information.

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