



November 29, 2017

Mauri Ditzler
Office of the President
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Albion, Michigan 49224

Sent via U.S. Mail and Electronic Mail (mditzler@albion.edu)

Dear President Ditzler:

As you know from our November 16 letter, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to defending liberty, freedom of speech, due process, academic freedom, legal equality, and freedom of conscience on America's college campuses.

FIRE's last letter asked that Albion College drop its investigation of student Alexander Tokie, who sent a hyperbolic email to his fellow College Republicans, in keeping with the college's stated commitments to freedom of expression. In your response to FIRE's letter on November 17, you noted that you "appreciate [FIRE's] interest in this case."

It is FIRE's understanding that Tokie's meeting was postponed on November 17 to an unspecified future date. We also understand that in the weeks since, Tokie has not been offered any updates on the disciplinary process or Albion's investigation.

We write today to again ask that Albion immediately drop the investigation and reaffirm its commitment to protecting student expression. We also write to remind you that Albion is both morally and contractually bound to honor the promises it has made to its students, specifically the college's commitments to freedom of expression found in its "Open Expression" policy and Diversity Statement.

We have again enclosed with this letter a signed FERPA waiver from Alexander Tokie permitting you to freely discuss his case with FIRE.

We request a response to this letter by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on December 1, 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah McLaughlin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "S" and "M".

Sarah McLaughlin
Senior Program Officer, Individual Rights Defense Program

cc:

Sally J. Walker, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Jerry L. White, Vice President for Finance and Administration