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Via Electronic Mail (graham.piro@thefire.org)

Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression

Attn: Graham Piro

Faculty Legal Defense Fellow, Campus Rights Advocacy

Dear Graham:

Thank you for your letter dated October 9, 2025. At the outset, it is prudent to emphasize the commitment of Oklahoma State University ("OSU") to free speech on campus, a commitment we share with FIRE. OSU is committed to protecting, promoting and facilitating free expression for all students, regardless of their views. Moreover, OSU embraces its role as a marketplace of ideas, and we believe a robust public discourse is essential to the process of addressing society's most pressing challenge — a core charge of OSU's land-grant mission.

OSU is aware of the incident outlined in your letter. Please be assured OSU has taken appropriate action to clarify its policies with staff charged with supporting student groups. Additionally, I communicated directly with Student Government Association ("SGA") leaders to reiterate that all OSU students have the right to speak their minds on all of our campuses, and protecting free expression is fundamental to who we are as a university. I have also encouraged any student who believes their right to free expression has been infringed upon, threatened or restricted in any way to share those concerns directly with Student Affairs Division leadership and/or university leadership.

It is also important to clarify that the student who raised concerns to your organization was not prevented from speaking or expressing his opinion in any way; the student spoke freely and expressed his views without interruption or restriction.

In response to the specific affirmations sought in your letter, OSU unequivocally supports free speech and affirms students will not be threatened, explicitly or implicitly, based on constitutionally protected speech. OSU has already clarified to SGA members that students can fully express themselves without fear or restriction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brent Marsh'.

Brent A. Marsh, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs