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April 17, 2007

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Dear Mr. Lukianoff:

This is in response to your letter of March 29, 2007.

The Student Accountability in Community (SAC) program is not active and has not been for some time. Exchanging correspondence with each other over what it will look like when and if it is reactivated is proving frustrating for both of us. Let me clarify a few points that were raised in your letter.

- The University will not compel any student to go through the SAC program.
- Certain students who violate the University's disciplinary codes may be offered the opportunity to participate in the SAC program in lieu of a sanction, like disciplinary probation or suspension, imposed upon completion of the disciplinary process. Each student offered it may accept or reject this opportunity. This will be made clear to students in the future when and if the program is reinstated.
- The value which I believe the SAC program will have for some students does not turn on the severity of the disciplinary violation committed by the student, but on whether the conduct that triggered the discipline indicates to the relevant Student Affairs professionals that the SAC program may be of educational benefit to the student. In this regard, please note that the primary purpose of student discipline at Michigan State University (MSU) is educational, not punitive. We, in Student Affairs, believe that the SAC, as an option for some students, has a place in our disciplinary system.
- The process for taking disciplinary action against students at MSU provides the necessary protections under the Constitution.
- Discipline is not for constitutionally protected speech. Harassment and abuse are interpreted accordingly.



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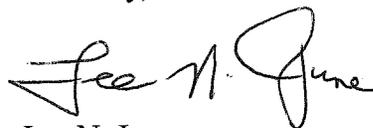
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Finally, as to the website, references to SAC have been removed since the program is not currently operating. If and when the program is reactivated, an updated description will be posted on the Student Life website which will reflect the changes that have been made.

I hope this responds to your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee N. June". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lee" being the most prominent.

Lee N. June

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