

WINONA

STATE UNIVERSITY

April 23, 2012

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RE: Letter dated April 20, 2012

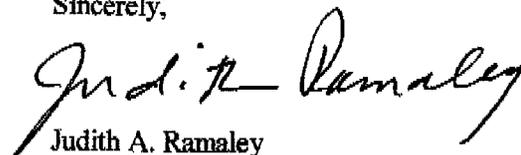
Dear Mr. Creeley:

Thank you for your letter dated April 20, 2012, in which you express concern regarding Winona State University's response to a student club's request to engage in symbolic speech on campus through the placement of mannequins on University grounds.

The student group in this case approached the Legal Affairs Office on Friday, April 13, 2012, with the request to place mannequins at several University locations starting on Sunday, April 15. To the knowledge of the University's Legal Analyst, the student club had not complied with the University's policy regarding "Use of University Space/Facilities that contains certain reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions. After discussion with the students on Tuesday, April 17, they were informed the symbolic speech will occur at the gazebo for the duration of the week between the hours of 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The University is committed to protecting the rights of freedom of speech, expression, petition, and peaceful assembly as set forth by the U.S. Constitution.

Sincerely,


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