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Mr. Adam Kissell  
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Re: Dr. Jammie Price

Dear Mr. Kissell:

Dr. Kenneth E. Peacock, Chancellor of Appalachian State University ("ASU" or the "University") has asked that I respond to your May 8, 2012 letter concerning Dr. Jammie Price.

The University appreciates the concern of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education ("FIRE") about academic freedom, free expression and due process.

ASU's commitment to those principles is reflected in relevant provisions of ASU's *Faculty Handbook*, which provisions are consistent with those of *The Code of the University of North Carolina*, and its commitment extends to both faculty and students.

You acknowledge that the facts of the case, as set forth in your letter, may not present a complete picture, and you solicit the University's comments. However, North Carolina's State Personnel Act prohibits disclosure of such information by a state university. We can assure you that Dr. Price's case has been and will continue to be handled in accordance with the University's policies and procedures, all of which we believe to be consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

I hope this information is helpful.

Very truly yours,



Lori Stewart Gonzalez, Ph.D.  
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

cc: Kenneth Peacock, Chancellor  
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