



November 28, 2016

Marieke Tuthill Beck-Coon
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Dear Ms. Beck-Coon:

Wichita State University (the “University”) is in receipt of your November 16, 2016, letter.

The University is aware of its Constitutional obligations. Indeed, the University is committed to full compliance with the laws – including the Constitution. As you are well aware, proper time, place and manner restrictions regarding speech and gatherings are constitutionally permitted. As your letter indicates, neither the University’s policies nor actions had “the effect of preventing [a group on campus from] expressive activities.”¹ What’s more, by your own statements, the individual officer who interacted with a student “did not result in any suppression of student speech at the time.”²

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to our attention. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further information to assist you in closing this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Molly Gordon', written over the typed name.

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¹ FIRE letter, page 4.

² FIRE letter, page 6.