



August 14, 2019

Ms. Laurie Sheck

Via Email: [sheckl@newschool.edu](mailto:sheckl@newschool.edu)

Dear Ms. Sheck,

I am writing to follow up on the investigation which was brought to your attention and discussed in our meeting of June 27th. Present at that meeting with you were Kevin Williams, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students, Vashti De Verteuil, and myself.

In that meeting, we addressed complaints filed against you by two students, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from your Spring 2019 Poetry Literature Seminar. You were also you presented with the University's policies on discrimination, confidentiality and protection against retaliation.

After carefully considering the complaints and reviewing the evidence, we have determined that you did not violate the University's policy on discrimination. We have forwarded our determination to the Provost's Office, along with recommendations on how to most effectively address the issues raised. The Provost's Office will be in touch with you shortly to follow up on this.

Open and robust discussion of often difficult issues and academic freedom have always been central to our mission as a university, as is our commitment to provide an educational environment that is effective in educating our students. These principles are foundational to our teaching and learning, and we strive to ensure that all members of our community are able to pursue their intellectual, creative and professional pursuits to their fullest.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geycel Best". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Geycel Best  
Director of Labor Relations

cc:

Stephanie Sztanyi, Assistant Dean for Part-Time Faculty  
Vashti De Veurteuil, ACT-UAW Union Representative