



Dear Lindsie Rank,

Thank you for writing to us regarding a recent Opinion piece written on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by Ms. Katelyn Meeks in the school news publication, *The Collegian*. In the article, Ms. Meeks writes that, “The university told our adviser, Ted Daniels, he could no longer teach because *The Collegian* was doing ‘too much investigative journalism.’”

While the university does not comment on any personnel issues, we can reassure you—as we have our student reporters—that Mr. Daniels’ transition did not result from the *Collegian’s* reporting. Mr. Daniels was an at-will adjunct and not contracted for the Fall semester. We welcome objective, investigative journalism now as much as ever. Our commitment to the Chicago Principles of Free Expression, hailed locally and nationally by many, including FIRE, is just part of our ongoing commitment to an open, free campus where students learn “How to Think, not What to Think.” In terms of decanal oversight of the student paper, that decision was predicated on some recent, rather glaring grammatical errors and had nothing to do with content.

Just this morning, I was able to join three of our Journalism students on air for an interview to discuss a wide range of issues. Many of those same students partner with us in our podcast presentations entitled, “The Watchers of the Skies.” We feel certain that Ashland University will continue to uphold the principles of free expression as we always have, and welcome our continued dialogue as we move forward.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlos Campo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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