

April 8, 2015

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Dear Mr. Cohn:

Thank you for your letter dated March 25, 2015.

I would respectfully disagree with one non-substantive aspect of your statement of the facts in the matter you refer to, that adjunct faculty members have given presentations to student groups “with the consent and invitation of those groups.” The lone presentation of this sort that I am aware of was made without invitation and with no prior knowledge by the student group of what the adjunct faculty member wished to address them about. You may be aware of other presentations of this sort, but this is the only instance of which I have been made aware.

As I said, I recognize this as a non-substantive aspect of your concerns, but I think it is important always to have an accurate picture and characterization of the facts. As to your concerns, you have requested that the college do the following:

- Clarify to the students and faculty of St. Charles Community College that the circulation of petitions and distribution of literature is generally permitted.
- Revise SCC policies accordingly to ensure that students and faculty are afforded the constitutional rights they are entitled to at a public institution.

In response to your concerns, a clarification communication of the sort you request will be sent to students and faculty of the college by the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, Mr. Chris Breitmeyer; you will be sent a copy of this communication when it is made. Secondly, we are reviewing all relevant policies to ensure that these continue to be fully in compliance with and supportive of the constitutional rights of our faculty and students.

I trust that these actions will address the concerns of your March 25 letter.

Sincerely,



Ronald D. Chesbrough, Ph.D.
President

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Ronald Chesbrough

From: Chris Breitmeyer
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 10:35 AM
To: All Faculty
Cc: Beth Finders; Kelley Pfeiffer; Amanda Smith; Ronald Chesbrough; Nash, Kate
Subject: a clarification

Dear Campus Community

Saint Charles Community College is committed to being an institution where an open exchange of ideas is fostered. To further that commitment I want to make it clear that students, faculty and staff at SCC are free to circulate petitions and distribute literature unless doing so will negatively impact the community of learners on our campus or the functions of the college. The college is currently reviewing policies related to this issue to provide clarity about permissible activities.

I would be happy to answer questions you may have. Feel free to contact me at 636-922-8356 or at cbreitmeyer@stchas.edu.

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