

April 27, 2018

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<u>Sent via U.S. Mail and Electronic Mail</u> (PresidentsOffice@ncc.edu; BoardOfTrustees@ncc.edu)

Dear President Keen:

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) is disappointed by your failure to respond to our letter of April 3, 2018, expressing our serious concern about Policy 3100 governing "News Media Relations." As detailed in our letter (attached), Policy 3100 poses an unacceptable threat to the First Amendment rights of Nassau Community College faculty members.

We remind you that compliance with the First Amendment is a nonnegotiable legal obligation for public institutions like Nassau Community College. To that end, we again ask that you immediately rescind Policy 3100 and publicly restate your commitment to the freedom of expression and academic freedom of NCC faculty.

We ask that this letter be sent to each individual member of the Board of Trustees. We request a response by May 11, 2018.

Sincerely,

Will Creelev

Senior Vice President of Legal and Public Advocacy

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cc: Board of Trustees, Nassau Community College