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Sent via U.S. Mail and Electronic Mail (EL-Duvall@wiu.edu)

Dear Ms. Duvall:

I'm writing in response to your letter of June 19, 2019, responsive to FIRE's letter of June 12, 2019, concerning Western Illinois University's maintenance of a "free speech zone" policy on its website. Your letter of June 19, 2019, indicated that WIU was "in the process of reviewing our website to remove the policy referencing the free speech area" and would "have the policy removed from our website as soon as possible."

Today marks the beginning of classes and two months since WIU's response. Unfortunately, the policies referencing the "free speech area" remain online.¹ Given the university's unrealized promise to remove the policy, coupled with the policy's enforcement against WIU student Dylan Crowl, our concern that the university intends to continue enforcing the policy remains unabated.

If WIU does not intend to continue to enforce the policy, please apprise us of a date certain by which the policies will be removed.

Sincerely,

Adam Steinbaugh
Director, Individual Rights Defense Program

¹ WESTERN ILL. UNIV., POLICY ON USE OF UNIVERSITY FACILITIES; DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATERIALS AND COLLECTION OF SIGNATURES POLICY, <http://www.wiu.edu/vpas/policies/printmat.php>; WESTERN ILL. UNIV., POLICY ON APPEARANCE OF OFF-CAMPUS SPEAKERS INVITED BY RECOGNIZED STUDENT AND FACULTY GROUPS AT WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, <http://www.wiu.edu/vpas/policies/ocampspk.php> (last visited Aug. 19, 2019).