



# HASKELL INDIAN NATIONS UNIVERSITY

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Dear Mr. Nally,

I am writing in response to a letter from FIRE, dated October 26, 2020, requesting I rescind the memorandum I directed to you on October 16, 2020. I hereby rescind the October 16 memorandum, including the directives contained therein.

The October 16 letter originated because of Haskell staff members' concerns and complaints regarding certain methods employed to obtain information. They perceived these methods to be needlessly aggressive and, at times, deceitful. However, I acknowledge that we took an incorrect approach to address those concerns through the issuance of the October 16 memorandum. Accordingly, I commit that Haskell will not interfere in the affairs of the Indian Leader or impede the free expression rights of individual students at Haskell.

I instructed my staff to review the status of the Leader's annual recognition process to ensure continued access by the Leader to its Student Bank account and Haskell resources.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ronald Graham, President

Cc: Lindsie Rank, FIRE

Francine Compton, Native American Journalists Association

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