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Sent via Electronic Mail (lindsie.rank@thefire.org)

Dear Ms. Rank,

I am writing in response to your March 25, 2021 letter requesting that Haskell Indian Nations University ("Haskell") rescind the mandates issued by President Ronald Graham on March 11, 2021, and Vice President of Academics, Melanie Daniel, on March 21, 2021. The Bureau of Indian Education hereby rescinds both President Graham's memorandum to Haskell employees dated March 11, 2021, and the mandates contained in Ms. Daniel's email of March 21, 2021. As a federally owned and operated university, Haskell is committed to providing Haskell students, faculty, and staff the freedom to express themselves on matters of importance.

All Haskell faculty and staff will be notified accordingly, and directed to Chapter 1, Part 470 of the Departmental Manual, for guidance on Haskell's public communications policies.

Sincerely,

Tony L. Dearman, Director
Bureau of Indian Education