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Dear Haley Gluhanich,

Thank you for your letter addressing the University of Utah's College of Humanities, which includes the Department of Communication. The University of Utah and the College of Humanities respect First Amendment speech and academic freedom rights of our faculty, staff, and students. The College of Humanities and the Department of Communication welcomed new leadership in the last two years and are already in the process of evaluating positions and statements on inclusive practices. We share your concerns respecting the First Amendment as we make efforts toward promoting equity, diversity and inclusion.

We appreciate your letter and thank you again.

Yours,

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We acknowledge that this land, which is named for the Ute Tribe, is the traditional and ancestral homeland of the Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute, and Ute Tribes. The University of Utah recognizes and respects the enduring relationship that exists between many Indigenous peoples and their traditional homelands. We respect the sovereign relationship between tribes, states, and the federal government, and we affirm the University of Utah's commitment to a partnership with Native Nations and Urban Indian communities through research, education, and community outreach activities.

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