



November 10, 2025

Mr. Dominic Coletti
Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE)
510 Walnut Street, Suite 900
Philadelphia, PA 19106

RE: Correspondence to President Todd Lamb dated October 27, 2025

Dear Mr. Coletti:

I am in receipt of the above-referenced letter to President Todd Lamb and strongly dispute your allegations that the University of Central Oklahoma ("UCO") has violated the law in its decision to end paper distribution of the UCO student news source, *The Vista*. UCO is fully aware of its rights and obligations under extant First Amendment law and firmly believes its actions are supported by applicable law. Accordingly, UCO will not be rescinding its decision to support only digital distribution of *The Vista*.

To be clear, UCO has taken no action in violation of UCO students' rights of expression under applicable law or in retaliation of UCO students exercising such rights. As you acknowledge in footnote 2 to your letter, your arguments are based on an "understanding" of allegations in a letter to UCO from Ms. Leslie Briggs, an attorney representing former UCO students. For your convenience, I have attached UCO's response to Ms. Briggs in which UCO vehemently disputes the misrepresentations she creates to bootstrap her meritless First Amendment argument. As you can see from UCO's response, it has taken no action to violate applicable First Amendment rights of its students.

If you are aware of actual facts or claims of UCO students in this regard, please forward them to me so that I may investigate those claims and respond in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kendall Parrish', written over a horizontal line.

Kendall Parrish
General Counsel

Attachment