

September 19, 2014

Re: Response to "Official Notice." (mailed to address on file + e-mailed to address on file + e-

Ms. Composition

The purpose of this memo is to confirm receipt of your communication entitled "Official Notice" dated September 12, 2014. I would like to schedule a follow-up meeting with you to discuss the implications of your notice, including your expressed refusal to proceed further with the agreed-upon plan from our August 8, 2014 meeting that was attended by you and your mother, where the restrictions, conditions, and referrals that were agreed to in lieu of disciplinary suspension and/or other alternatives such as remote on-line completion of degree requirements were detailed in the Notice of Disciplinary Action from my office to you dated August 14, 2014.

As was communicated to you during our disciplinary conference of 8/8/14 and again at your meeting with Yvette Wilkes, member of the NMHU Student Behavior Intervention and Support Team (SBIST) on September 12, 2014, I reiterate that your refusal to proceed with agreed-upon referrals may have implications involving modification of the disciplinary measures now in place and the consideration of other alternatives, including immediate short-term suspension from the university, pending a hearing on long-term suspension or expulsion from the university.

In previous meetings, you have been provided copies of the NMHU Student Handbook. The section dealing with disciplinary measures can also be found at http://www.nmhu.edu/student_handbook/index.aspx#Conduct.

Disciplinary suspension is defined as temporary exclusion from the university for a specified period of time (for example, one semester, an academic year, etc.). Students placed on suspension are restricted from enrolling in classes and are restricted from university property during the specified time. Disciplinary expulsion is defined as indefinite separation from the university and includes restrictions from university property and activities. Expelled students cannot take classes or be on campus for any reason. Disciplinary expulsion appears on university transcripts. You are advised that these and other alternatives are being considered since you are refusing to comply with agreed-upon referrals.

In summary, because of your refusal to abide by terms previously agreed to, your status as a student at NMHU is under review and additional actions such as suspension or expulsion are being considered. Similarly, if you refuse to meet with me, you are advised that these matters will be taken into consideration without your participation. Therefore, it is in your best interest to meet with me to discuss next steps.

As such, I propose a meeting conducive to your class schedule on Monday, September 22, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. or Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Student Affairs Conference Room, 280 Felix Martinez Building, 800 University Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701. This memo serves as a written modification to restrictions currently in place and authorizes you to enter the Felix Martinez Building for the stated purpose at the appointed time that is most convenient for you. Please contact my office regarding your preference for a Monday or Tuesday meeting. Since one of your parents has accompanied you to each of the last two disciplinary conferences, I will allow them to once again participate, if that is your desire. Because a signed consent form to release information to your parents is on file, we are in compliance with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) in this regard.

Moreover, your notice states that you "have been advised by counsel to not speak to staff of the University unless it directly pertains to homework or other coursework emanating directly from classes." As NMHU's Dean of Students, I am responsible for student disciplinary matters. As a result, it will be necessary for you to communicate with me and this office as this disciplinary matter proceeds to resolution. Nevertheless, if you have an attorney that is representing you, please have your attorney contact our legal representative at Cuddy & McCarthy LLP, Attorneys of Law, attention: John F. Kennedy, 1701 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87502-4160; (505) 988-476 (phone); (505) 954-7373 (fax); jkennedy@cuddymccarthy.com.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 505-454-3020 or fidel@nmhu.edu.

Respectfully.

Dr. Fidel J. Trujilld Dean of Students

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Ms. Yvette Wilkes, Student Behavior Intervention and Support Team

Donato Sena, Chief, NMHU Campus Police