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President Richard W. Lariviere
University of Oregon
Office of the President
110 Johnson Hall
Eugene, Oregon 97403

Sent via U.S. Mail and Facsimile (541-346-3017)

Dear President Lariviere:

As you know from our letter to you on July 21, 2010, concerning a different matter, FIRE (thefire.org) unites civil rights and civil liberties leaders, scholars, journalists, and public intellectuals across the political and ideological spectrum on behalf of liberty, due process, legal equality, freedom of association, religious liberty and, as in this case, freedom of speech on America's college campuses.

FIRE is gravely concerned about the threat to free speech, academic freedom, and due process posed by the University of Oregon's (UO's) decisions to suspend faculty member Peter Quint, and to deny his reasonable expectation of being rehired, due to his relevant and protected classroom expression. Not only did UO unconstitutionally punish Professor Quint's protected speech, but UO did so without providing him any of the protections afforded by the Oregon Administrative Rules governing the punishment of non-tenured faculty members.

set out a process that Bullis completely ignored: In Quint's case, there was no "preparation of formal charges"; there was no "state[ment of] the facts" justifying any sanction; no notice of charges was provided to Quint; Quint was not provided the required notice "of the right to a formal hearing"; there apparently was no "written f

remove all disciplinary records regarding this matter from his employment files, and honor

