

Feb. 10, 2012

Dr. John P. Jones, Dean
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Dear Dr. Jones,

I am writing in regards to my comment Feb. 2 on the Garret Lewis radio show on KNST.

During an interview about the suspension of Mexican American Studies classes at Tucson Unified School District, I was asked to express my feelings about TUSD students being invited to a class at the University of Arizona.

The comment that I made about our students being taken behind closed doors was rooted in my concern for their safety and welfare. I apologize for choosing to use Penn State in my comments about this concern. I understand how that can be interpreted as insensitive and inappropriate.

I never intended for my comment to suggest that anything that happened at Penn State is happening at the University of Arizona.

I have always respected the relationship that the university has with our students and the cooperation between the university professors and students throughout the Tucson region.

My comment did not represent the TUSD Governing Board but was made as a private citizen and a parent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Hicks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "H".

Michael Hicks