

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, REGION IV

REGION IV ALABAMA FLORIDA GEORGIA TENNESSEE

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June 28, 2018

Garry Jones, President Full Sail University 3300 University Boulevard Winter Park, Florida 32792

Re: OCR Docket #04-16-2276

Dear Mr. Jones:

This letter is to advise you of the disposition of the above-referenced complaint filed with the U.S. Department of Education (Department), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), against Full Sail University (University). Specifically, the Complainant alleged that the University failed to provide him with a tutor which resulted in him failing a math course in July 2016.

OCR is responsible for enforcing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), 29 U.S.C. § 794, and its implementing regulation, 34 C.F.R. Part 104. Section 504 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by recipients of Federal financial assistance. As a recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Department, the District is subject to these laws.

Based on the above, OCR opened the legal issue of whether the University failed to provide the Complainant with academic adjustments in noncompliance with the Section 504 implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. § 104.44.

During its investigation, OCR reviewed information provided by the Complainant and the University and interviewed the Complainant.

Prior to OCR making a final determination, the University expressed an interest in resolving the complaint allegations. On June 27, 2018, the University signed the enclosed Resolution Agreement, which, when fully implemented, will address the allegations in the complaint. OCR will monitor the implementation of the Resolution Agreement.

This concludes OCR's investigation of the complaint and should not be interpreted to address the District's compliance with any other regulatory provision or to address any issues other than those addressed in this letter. This letter sets forth OCR's determination in an individual OCR case. This letter is not a formal statement of OCR policy and should not be relied upon, cited, or construed as such. OCR's formal policy statements are approved by a duly authorized OCR

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official and made available to the public. The Complainant may have a right to file a private suit in federal court whether or not OCR finds a violation.

Please be advised that the University may not harass, coerce, intimidate, or discriminate against any individual because he or she has filed a complaint or participated in the complaint resolution process. If this happens, the individual may file another complaint alleging such treatment.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, it may be necessary to release this document and related correspondence and records upon request. In the event that OCR receives such a request, we will seek to protect, to the extent provided by law, personally identifiable information, which, if released, could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

If you have any questions, please contact Darryl Dennis at (404) 974-9358 or me at (404) 974-9354.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Sausser, Esq. Compliance Team Leader

Enclosure