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Dear Mr. Veazie:

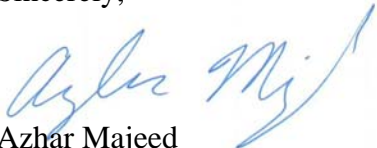
FIRE and the AAUP are in receipt of your response of September 13, 2011.
Thank you for your swift reply.


We commend your decision to withhold further action on the Provisional Electronic Communications Policy Document until it is revised to address the First Amendment and academic freedom problems raised in our September 9 letter. We appreciate your attention to our concerns and your recognition of the fact that at a public institution like the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, students, faculty, and community members “must not be intimidated or confused in the exercise of their First Amendment rights.”

We look forward to seeing future drafts of the proposed policy. Indeed, FIRE and the AAUP would be pleased to assist you as you consider the necessary revisions. To that end, we have enclosed copies of FIRE’s 2008 Policy Statement on Political Activity on Campus and FIRE’s handbook for university administrators, *Correcting Common Mistakes in Campus Speech Policies*, as well as the AAUP’s statement on *Academic Freedom and Electronic Communications*.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any further assistance. Thank you again for your time and attention.

Sincerely,


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