

On Wed, Sep 29, 2010 at 1:31 PM, <ocr_complaint@ed.gov> wrote:
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Your complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, a copy of which is reproduced below, has been automatically forwarded to the following office for review:

Office for Civil Rights/ED
Kansas City Office

8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037

Kansas City, MO, 64114-3302

So that we can best assist you, we call your attention to the following:

1. If you need to communicate with OCR regarding your complaint before you are contacted directly, please do not reply to this message, which would result in your reply going to a send-only server address. Instead, please direct your correspondence to the above office at OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov.
2. If you need to modify or supplement your complaint, please do not use the complaint form to submit another complaint with the new information. Instead, you may simply send an email to the office that has your complaint. Filing duplicative complaints may impede our ability to review your concerns in a timely manner. (If you have a separate complaint involving other matters, you may of course use this form to submit it.)
3. Remember that before OCR can process your complaint it must receive at the above address a signed copy of the Office for Civil Rights Consent Form, which you can obtain at <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/edlite-consentform.html>.
4. It is recommended that you print a copy of this message and retain it for your records.

The following information has been sent to the specified office:

OCR COMPLAINT FORM

1. Enter information about you.

Your First Name: thomas

Your Last Name: couram

Your Address: p.o. box 42253

City: Fredericksburg

State: VA Zip Code: 22404

Best Time to Call You: DAY Primary Phone No: [540-823-2313](tel:540-823-2313)

Alternative Phone No:

Your Email Address: accwonder@gmail.com

2. Who else can we call if we cannot reach you?

Contact's Name: please email at:accwonder@gmai

Daytime Phone No:

Relationship to you: please email

3. Who was discriminated against?

thomas couram

4. What institution discriminated?

Institution Name: Friends University

Address: 2100 W. University Ave

City: Wichita Kansas

State: KS

Zip Code: 67213

School or department involved:

5. Have you tried to resolve the complaint through the institution's grievance process, due

process hearing, or with another agency?

Yes

Agency Name: Kansas Regency board/

Date Filed: 9/7/2010 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Status: No response

(btw, I do not have a phone)

6. Describe the discrimination

OCR enforces regulations that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin; sex; disability; and/or age.

All that apply:

race or color

Why you believe the discrimination was because of race, sex, disability, or whatever basis you indicated above or why you believe the action was retaliatory.

August 5, 2010through Sept-24

Advisor, admissions Recruiter, Teacher

Was blocked and ignored/prevented from enrolling in classes despite repeated requests, without reason or cause--despite passing Summer Semester and doing everything I was asked to do. Function that allowed other students to enroll from student web page was disabled in my case.

As a result of the Advosor being on vacation and being the only way I could enroll, The classes I had taken before was closed--the deadline passed, my disbursement funds were revoked and my education pursuits set back 2 months or more.

Written documents

I believe it was because of race, my economic condition and opinions I expressed in emails and on the boards, even though judging by the fact that very early on there was great surprise that I could actually enroll in classes from my student page-- it appears I was never going to be allowed to continue the courses I chose if I passed. After causing me to miss the deadline, I was offered two completely unrelated courses to what I chose although I never asked anybody at that school to change my courses. The courses I was offered hold no potential value to me in the job market. I knew when I signed on to the school they only offered about 3 Majors to online students. I made a choice based on what I thought could be a help to me in being able to support a future. I didn't take out loans just to end up with debt and a course I was barred from continuing and a degree in "Sociological Imagination" which is useless to a blue collar type of person.

7. Your complaint must be filed within 180 days of the discriminatory action

When did the last act of discrimination occur?

Enter the date: 9/07/2010 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Are you requesting a waiver of the 180-day filing time limit for discrimination that occurred more than 180 days before the filing of this complaint?

No.

8. What would you like the institution to do as a result of your complaint - what remedy are you seeking?

Since I was barred,without reason or cause,from continuing the course I paid for--I would like the funds I paid refunded or sent back to the government.

Since I was using my student loans--which I am obligated to pay back--for housing and living expenses, I want to be compensated for,so far--nearly two months of homelessness--which will probably stretch out into 3 or more months if I have to transfer schools and do the Financial Aid process over again.

Since my Civil Rights were violated due to the fact that I have been treated like no other "A" student who has not caused any problems to the school, and who had just wanted to do the simple act of enrolling for the next Semester--I want redress in a court.

I'd like to be able to present my case.

I would also like to have the questions answered in the letter that I sent to the Dean of the school.

Do you have written information that you think will help us understand your complaint?

Yes