

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS SEATTLE OFFICE

March 1, 2013

VIA Regular Mail and E-Mail: mrfys@gmail.com

Mr. Paul A. Mitchell C/O Lake Union Mail 117 East Louisa Street Seattle, Washington 98102-3203

Re: <u>University of Washington - Seattle</u>

OCR Reference No. 10132007

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

On October 15, 2012, the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), received your complaint alleging that the University of Washington - Seattle (UW), discriminated and/or retaliated against you when the UW prohibited you from registering for a course during summer 2012. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that we need more information from you in order for our office to complete our evaluation of your complaint.

Please respond to each of the following questions by providing information about your specific concerns and the particular circumstances that suggest that you were treated unfairly based on either age, disability, race, color, or national origin, or was retaliated because you filed a complaint or asserted your rights.

With respect to your allegation that the UW prohibited you from registering for a course during summer 2012, please explain how this was discriminatory and/or retaliatory by responding to the following questions:

- 1. What did the UW do to discriminate against you? Please describe the specific actions you allege to be discriminatory.
- 2. Please identify the basis or bases upon which you are alleging the UW's action to be discriminatory, i.e., race, age, or disability.
- 3. Why do you believe the UW's action(s), identified above, to be discriminatory on the basis or bases you identified?

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- 4. What did the UW do to retaliate against you? Please describe the specific actions you allege to be retaliatory.
- 5. Why do you believe the UW's action(s), identified above, were retaliatory and not for other reasons? Please include what action or activity you engaged in for which you believe the UW is retaliating against you.

Please provide your response to these questions as soon as possible. OCR procedures allow 20 days for the submission of this requested information. If the requested information is not received by **March 20, 2013**, OCR will be required to dismiss your complaint.

If you have questions regarding this request, you can reach me by telephone at (206) 607-1605. You may also contact me by e-mail at ellen.chestnut@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

Ellen Chestnut

Attorney