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President Frank G. Pogue

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Dear President Pogue:

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The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) unites leaders in the fields of civil rights and civil liberties, scholars, journalists, and public intellectuals across the political and ideological spectrum on behalf of liberty, legal equality, academic freedom, due process, freedom of speech, and freedom of conscience on America's college campuses.

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FIRE is deeply concerned about the threat to freedom of expression posed by Grambling State University's (GSU's) prohibition of transmitting "campaign solicitations" through the university's e-mail system. This unconstitutional ban on political speech misrepresents state law and violates the First Amendment rights of GSU students.

Marlene Mieske

This is our understanding of the facts. Please correct us if you believe we are in

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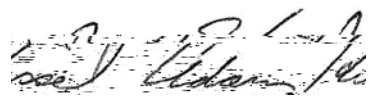
Individuals who receive political campaign solicitations via university email are advised to delete these emails upon receipt. DO NOT FORWARD campaign solicitations using university email as this implies your support for the candidate and may be viewed as utilizing university resources for solicitation purposes, a violation of state policy.

Woody Kaplan

This e-mail misrepresents state law. Article X, Section 9, of the Louisiana

§9. Prohibitions Against Political Activities

reflecting “our profound national commitment to the principle that debate on public issues should be uninhibited, robust, and wide-open.”

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Clinton".

cc:

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