
Fwd: Revised draft

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Wed, Aug 24, 2016 at 9:39 PM

To: Lisa Rudgers <rudgers@umich.edu>

Cc: "Cynthia H. Wilbanks" <wilbanks@umich.edu>, Kallie Michels <kallie@umich.edu>.

John Kepley <jkepley@umich.edu>

I'll take a look, but I was happy with the draft I spent quite some time with John working on.

I think you're right that it's not a typical light, feel good convocation speech. Its hard to waste an important opportunity to speak to students at a time like this, however. And while its only freshman, they are first time voters and thus special. And the campus media may cover the speech for others. And we can post text.

I realize that some may interpret this as anti-Trump although there is nothing explicit in the remarks. That's just the way it will have to be. I would feel awful if Trump won the election and I was too afraid of appearing political to make any effort to encourage our students to thoughtfully participate. I'm willing to accept the criticism since I think its very important.

I'm traveling tomorrow, back in the office friday. Must complete work on speech by sunday since I'm having eye surgery Monday AM. I'll get back to you with comments on revised draft and decision on which one to use.

Thanks
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U. Michigan professor rails against voting Trump in lengthy classroom rant (VIDEO) - The College Fix

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Tue, Nov 8, 2016 at 9:11 PM

To: Andrea Fischer Newman <afnewman@umich.edu>

hi, andrea.

I heard about this earlier tonight.

Trying to figure out any backstory.

It is not inherently wrong for a faculty member to take a position on any issue, including an election.

The key is that they are solicitous and tolerant of the views of students that disagree and that those students don't feel persecuted in any way. The more over the top the point of view, the greater the danger of the latter problem.

Very long lines of students voting all day in Union and League, and also here at the AA Library, etc.

Best,
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**U. Michigan professor rails against voting Trump in lengthy
classroom rant (VIDEO) - The College Fix**

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Tue, Nov 8, 2016 at 9:49 PM

To: Andrea Fischer Newman <afnewman@umich.edu>

doesn't look that way on the NYTimes web site.
Andrea, I just don't know what I would do,
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Calls

Mark Schlissel <markschl@umich.edu>

Wed, Nov 9, 2016 at 10:00 AM

To: Sally Churchill <sjc@umich.edu>

thanks sally

I spoke with him about five minutes ago

Good, cordial call. He's just getting back from Trump victory party in NYC.

He is anxious to reach out and begin the on-boarding process.

I also spoke with Larry who is accepting of the result, but was a bit tearful on the phone. I told him we'd get together soon as well.

Finally, I tried to reach denise, but had to leave a message on her cell. I sent her an email to be sure I reached her.

best

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Your statement to campus

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To: Mary Sue Coleman <marysuec@umich.edu>

Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 11:58 AM

Hi, Mary Sue.

I'm still trying to process the implications of the election and I admit to being overwhelmed with uncertainty and very concerned. Unlike anything I've ever lived through.

Students rallied on the Diag yesterday night and the speakers all expressed fear about their place in American society and on campus. I was only able to reassure them about the latter.

There is now even more important work for us to do pushing back against the idea that facts don't matter, that science isn't relevant to decision making and that people without white skin don't belong here.

Cynthia will be sending some policy areas to consider for the AAU briefing memo. I am torn on recommendations for appointees since I can't imagine lending one's name to a Trump administration.

Good luck with you work and thanks for your compliment on my community message.

Best,

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end of a long week

Mark Schlissel <markschl@umich.edu>

Fri, Nov 11, 2016 at 7:50 AM

To: Daniel Little <delittle@umich.edu>

Cc: "Borrego, Susan" <sborrego@umilint.edu>

thanks, Dan.

Same low level rumblings here in AA.

An also some complaints from our minority of Trump supporters who now feel marginalized and ostracized in our campus milieu and post election activity. Ironic.

Best,

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apologies

Mark Schlissel <markschl@umich.edu>
To: Kallie Michels <kallie@umich.edu>

Sun, Nov 13, 2016 at 6:52 PM

Hi, Kallie.

Just wanted to say that I've been pushing you and your team pretty hard since the election and I really appreciate everyone stepping up, especially you.

I'm more anxious than typical because I am processing my own thoughts about a Trump presidency at the same time I try to hold together a volatile community at a key moment for my own leadership.

So, thank you.

Mark

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