



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
PLATTEVILLE
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

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Dr. Sabina Burton
5768 Maple Glen Lane
Platteville, WI 53818

Dear Dr. Burton,

I have received your recent emailed requests to come on to campus for meetings of groups subject to the open meetings law. I am denying that request.

In January of 2017, I gave you notice under Wis. Admin. Code sec. UWS 4.09 that you were suspended from duties pending final decision as to your dismissal. During this suspension you are suspended from all duties. This means that you may not perform any duties even voluntarily. Thus, you may not attend department meetings or other committee meetings as a member. Because I have also banned you from campus except where given permission, you may also not attend meetings of government bodies that are open to the public such as department meetings.

You have asked whether I have authority to ban you from campus. As chancellor and chief administrative officer for UW-Platteville, I have wide authority for such under Wis. Admin. Code UWS chapter 18, and specifically UWS 18.11(6) which states, "No person may be present in any university building if his or her presence or behavior interferes with [the university's mission and purpose]." I have determined that your presence at university meetings would cause a disruption and prevent those bodies from operating efficiently and completing the tasks before them thereby interfering with the university's mission and purpose.

You ask what discipline you would be subject to if you were to violate the campus ban. As in all such matters, if I determined to pursue discipline, I would go through the normal process, which is defined in UW-Platteville faculty rules.

Finally, you indicate that you have made records requests of Human Resources and I understand you have made a records request of Dr. Strobl. You may make records requests. In general, requests for HR records will be processed by Dr. Crowley and requests for other records will be processed by the records custodian, Paul Erickson.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Shields
Chancellor

cc: Janelle Crowley, Director, Human Resources
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Paul Erickson, Director, Communications/Public Information Officer
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