

Friday, October 17, 2014

Five minutes ago at approximately 2:15 p.m. on Friday, October 17th, I saw for the first time the band handbook and a copy of the participation agreement that band students were expected to sign no later than Wednesday, August 13th. This is to inform you that the participation agreement is hereby made null and void retroactively to its time of issuance and subsection six of Code of Conduct on page ten of the band handbook is immediately and retroactively rescinded back to the time of its issuance.

Neither the band handbook or the participation agreement was ever submitted to me as President prior to today. It was also not submitted to the General Counsel's office for appropriate legal review prior to its issuance. This university is firmly devoted to the right of free speech under the first amendment to the Constitution. In my opinion both the section of the handbook cited and the participation agreement are contrary to the basic value of free speech at this university. This is a direct order from me as President and should be implemented immediately. Members of the band should be informed that the particular section of the handbook cited and the agreement to abide by it are no longer in force.

Sincerely,

David Boren