

Members of Our Campus Community,

Recently, a federal court dismissed a lawsuit filed by Associate Professor Buck Ryan against a number of University of Kentucky officials. Professor Ryan claimed his rights were violated when the University initiated proceedings to fire him based on findings of misconduct. The federal court found his suit baseless.

Professor Ryan has now sued our University and our Title IX Coordinator in state court. This suit, which also is without merit, claims his rights were violated when the University's Office of Institutional Equity and Equal Opportunity investigated multiple student complaints. In an unconscionable effort to intimidate, Professor Ryan also has sued one of our students who bravely came forward.

We will not allow a member of our community to be intimidated. In addition to defending our University and Title IX Coordinator, we will be paying for our student's defense.

Every member of our community must be able to seek assistance without fear of retaliation. Reporting behavior that is perceived as threatening, unwanted, or harassing is essential to the safety and security of our campus.

You can learn more about reporting and services available at these links: https://www.uky.edu/eeo/; https://www.uky.edu/vipcenter/content/campus-resources.

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