



Caldwell Community College
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Office of the President

June 6, 2016

Mr. William P. Aceto, Chairman
Watauga County Board of Elections
842 West King Street
Boone, NC 28607

Dear Mr. Aceto:

Pursuant to your letter of May 2, 2016, I have informed the Board of Trustees of your request. The Board has directed me to communicate our willingness to be cooperative with the Board of Elections. However, the campus only has two stand-alone classroom buildings that would be suitable and meet the requirements set forth. The securing of either building between the dates of October 27, 2016 through November 5, 2016 would severely impede and disrupt our academic schedule and the educational process for our students. Please know that we wish to be good partners and cooperate, but also we hope this input in making your decision may provide some insight into our particular situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth A. Boham".

Kenneth A. Boham, Ed. D.
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Mr. Bill Aceto,
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Dear Mr. Aceto:

This year's election cycle marks the tenth year in which Appalachian State University has enjoyed the opportunity to help facilitate the privilege of voting on its campus. During this time, with university officials in close consultation with the Watauga County Board of Elections and its staff, thousands of North Carolinians have voted safely and conveniently – many casting ballots for the first time. In the university's estimation, this phenomenon has fulfilled the university's educational mission of encouraging civic engagement by all citizens and provided a positive experience to participants.

During early voting in March of this year, it was estimated that approximately 3,250 students, faculty, and members of the community voted at the Plemmons Student Union location. Given the importance of compliance with all legal requirements, I encouraged my staff before the March elections to ensure that the expectations of the Board were thoroughly understood and that voter integrity be the top priority. Furthermore, I understand that members of my staff had numerous conversations with, and even toured the facility alongside, the Board's staff.

Throughout the process into its conclusion, my office received no complaints, and observed no violations with respect to enforcement of buffer zones. In fact, many of the conversations I had personally were in praise of the process and in appreciation of the Board's efforts.

Therefore, I'm surprised to learn from your letter dated May 2, 2016 that the Plemmons Student Union location yielded a number of problems and is considered to be "not a workable location" in the Board's estimation. Given the severity of these incidents and the seriousness with which we as a university undertake this responsibility, I respectfully request that the Board provide further documentation of these incidents so we can take appropriate steps to ensure that they do not occur in the future.

In the absence of such documentation, in consultation with my leadership team and the leadership of the Student Government Association, I respectfully submit that the Plemmons Student Union is the only location on campus that satisfies our mutual goals of providing a convenient and safe environment for citizens and volunteers in compliance with statutory requirements for elections.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheri N. Everts".

Sheri N. Everts
Chancellor

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