



April 7, 2022

Dr. Joe Gilgour
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Dear Dr. Gilgour,

Thank you for your communication dated April 6 in response to SEMO's proposal of April 4, 2022.

My proposal of April 4 is an indication that SEMO remains ready to continue our efforts to reach an amicable agreement for our two institutions to operate in Cape Girardeau. It is unfortunate that you did not respond to some of the items in the proposal, as many of the proposed areas of agreement were ones we had verbally discussed or previously exchanged in writing on different occasions. Nonetheless, SEMO recognizes the significance of the many topics at hand and understands that your thinking has evolved over time. That said, we respect Commissioner Mulligan's observations regarding the ever-increasing public sentiment and interest in this issue, and we agree that all of us would be best served to reach an amicable resolution outside a protracted, and likely very costly, public forum. Please know that if you wish to revisit MAC's position before the April 19 CBHE meeting, SEMO will make itself available for continued discussions.

In a continued sign of good faith, and per the Commissioner's April 1 letter to SEMO and MAC, and the discussion at our April 6 meeting, SEMO acquiesces to MAC's continued delivery of CTE programming, including the lower-division coursework, that MAC currently offers in Cape Girardeau in conjunction with the Cape Girardeau Career and Technology Center. This acquiescence is made with the stipulation that MAC will not enroll any additional students until the differences between it and SEMO are resolved. As we work towards resolution on the outstanding issues, we hope this gesture only affirms our desire to continue discussions with MAC in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

Carlos Vargas
University President