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Murphy Applauds McAdams Ruling

MADISON, WI — Today, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled in favor of Professor John McAdams in his case against Marquette University for suspending him indefinitely without pay in 2014 over a post on his conservative blog, the Marquette Warrior.

State Representative Dave Murphy (R–Greenville), chair of the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities, issued the following statement:

“Professor McAdams exercised his personal freedom of speech and his professional academic freedom to criticize a colleague for behavior that he felt was inappropriate in a classroom. To be genuine places of learning, university discourse must be unrestricted, even when it is uncomfortable, controversial, or conservative.

“Whenever a university punishes a person who is willing to go against the grain and voice his or her opinion, it undermines the very idea it exists to advance: that we must be critical thinkers willing to explore difficult ideas to improve as individuals and advance our nation.

“I’m proud that our Supreme Court has upheld Professor McAdams’ right to free speech and his right to carry out his job as a professor dedicated to improving his university. Marquette University could use more faculty like Professor McAdams, who utilize their academic freedom to the fullest extent and won’t be intimidated into silence by their peers or administrators.”

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