U.S. District Court
Eastern District of Kentucky (Lexington)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 5:25-cv-00424-BJB

Woodcock v. The University of Kentucky et al

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11/05/2026	87	VIRTUAL ORDER: In response to the Plaintiff's motion to file an amended complaint (DN 84), the Court is inclined to grant the motion but deny its subsidiary request to treat the pending dispositive motions as moot, except to the extent the Defendants themselves seek to supplement any previously filed motion(s). But the Court wont rule on the motion until hearing from the affected Defendants, and specifically orders the University Defendants defending against the preliminary-injunction request to file any response by the close of business on Tuesday, November 10, 2026. The Court also orders the University Defendants to respond to the motion for discovery (DN 85) by the same deadline. Before these filings, however, counsel for the Plaintiff and the University Defendants must confer in a good-faith attempt to narrow the issues necessitating judicial resolution in connection with the November 19 hearing. The Court grants in part the Plaintiffs request to suspend the deadline to respond to Secretary McMahons motion (DN 81) and extends the deadline by 10 days, until November 20, 2026. Finally, the Court denies the Plaintiffs renewed request for an order under the All Writs Act directing Defendants not to issue the investigative report or any findings or sanction until the Court rules on the motion for a preliminary injunction. DN 84 at 8. The Court doesnt perceive any evident threat that the investigation's conclusion would pose to this Courts jurisdiction. Its end would not appear to jeopardize this Courts jurisdiction to adjudicate his claim that the University Defendants pursued the investigation in retaliation for his protected speech (or otherwise unlawfully). Nor can the Court reconcile the apparently contradictory nature of the Plaintiffs requests that the Court both end this investigation and prevent the University from doing so on its own. Based on the record before the Court and the Plaintiffs description of the harms he faces, the investigation's conclusion would seem to relieve rather than exacerbate the allegedly adverse actions and potentially lead to an administrative process that would allow him to challenge any additional sanctions. Signed by District Judge Benjamin J Beaton on 11/05/2026. (DC) cc: COR (Entered: 11/05/2026)

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