UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY
CENTRAL DIVISION AT LEXINGTON

RAMSI A. WOODCOCK Plaintiff, v. UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, *et al.*, Defendants.	)	Case No. 5:25-cv-00424-BJB

STATUS REPORT OF DEFENDANTS UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to the Court's Order [R. 104], this Status Report is submitted by counsel for the University Officials.

A. ***Discovery***. Counsel for Plaintiff and the University Defendants have conferred about three categories of requests for documents.

First, on Monday, November 16, 2026, counsel for the University Defendants provided a file sharing link for counsel for Plaintiff to access the materials cited in the Investigative Report in the evidence review table of contents. This production should satisfy Plaintiff's November 13, 2026 request for access to those documents but if any item is not accessible counsel can report that.

Counsel have also discussed the Plaintiff's remaining two requests cited in his Reply in support of motion for expedited discovery that was addressed at the Court's status conference of November 13, 2026. The first category sought any written policy,

guidance, or practice document on reassigning faculty members during investigations. Counsel discussed that the University Officials believe this discovery request largely overlaps with multiple Open Records Requests Plaintiff has made to the University the latest of which on this topic was answered on November 13, 2026. Counsel for the University Officials confirms that it is not aware of any additional written policy, guidance, or practice document existed as concerns Plaintiff other than those materials previously produced.

The second category of documents discussed at the November 13, 2026 status conference concerned documents reflecting the decision to reassign Professor Woodcock on July 18, 2025 and to continue the reassignment including the decision reflected in the 26-27 DOE signed on October 22, 2026. Those materials have been electronically searched for by the University and counsel is in the process of providing responsive documents after review for privileged items and applying any necessary redactions. Counsel expect to engage in a rolling production of these items and anticipate this review and production to be completed on Wednesday November 18, 2026.

B. ***Timing of the hearing.***

The University Officials state that:

1. Any decision about Plaintiff's Spring Semester 2027 job assignments including any teaching role can be made as late as mid-December and counsel can elaborate on the Dean's decision-making process at the Court's upcoming status conference and assurance on the timing of the assignment;

2. The decision about Plaintiff's job assignments for the Spring Semester including any teaching assignments is separate and distinct from a decision on whether the University will initiate any disciplinary procedure concerning the Plaintiff;

3. Should the President decide to initiate any administrative disciplinary proceeding concerning Plaintiff, the University Officials will of course abide by the Franklin Circuit Court's Order and provide 10-days' notice to counsel for Plaintiff before any such administrative disciplinary process begins;

4. In light of the above, the University Officials request the evidentiary hearing on the motion for preliminary injunction be continued until such time after: (i) a decision has been made by the President allowing sufficient time to review and consider the Investigative Report, and (ii) a decision has been made by the Dean about Spring Semester 2027 assignments for Plaintiff.

5. The University Officials further agree that no administrative process will be initiated concerning Plaintiff until after the expiration of the 10-day period required by the Franklin Circuit Court and will be postponed if this Court reschedules a status conference in that interim period of time in the event the Court desires to hear from the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 17, 2026, the foregoing document was electronically filed using the Court's CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to all parties registered to receive electronic filings.

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