



## Senate of Pennsylvania

April 10, 2017

President John A. Fry  
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Philadelphia, PA 19104

Dear President Fry:

We write today to express our concern regarding the repeated outrageous and wholly inappropriate comments made by Drexel Professor George Ciccariello-Maher. In the interest of your much respected University, and quite frankly the reputation of higher education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, we urge you to dismiss this hateful and inflammatory professor.

You are aware, less than four months ago your fine institution came under fire after this same individual tweeted, "All I want for Christmas is White Genocide". These comments were as your press release stated, "utterly reprehensible, deeply disturbing, and do not in any way reflect the values of the University." According to your statement, the University took those comments "very seriously" and arranged for a meeting with Professor Ciccariello-Maher to discuss the matter. It is very apparent that Professor Ciccariello-Maher either did not take the University's comments seriously, does not care about the values and reputation of the University, or is an arrogant hate monger unfit to teach.

Less than two weeks ago Professor Ciccariello-Maher tweeted, "Some guy gave up his first class seat for a uniformed soldier. I'm trying not to vomit or yell about Mosul." After massive public backlash he tried to clarify his comments by stating that he was responding to what he, "considered a smug and self-congratulatory gesture by a first-class passenger toward a uniformed soldier." Regardless of the context or motivation, Professor Ciccariello-Maher once again used obvious inflammatory comments to promote his own shocking brand to the detriment of the reputation of Drexel.

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He should remember the uniformed soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our way of life, including the right to spout his garbage. He is a disgrace to Drexel. To say that you want to vomit because another person values what our military provide shows such a lack of respect for not just the military but the basic decency to respect others.

This is not about free speech as others have lamely tried to frame it. If Professor Ciccariello-Maher was just a bully behind a keyboard, he would be free to write all the hateful comments that he wants, except that in his position as a professor for Drexel University he is an extension and representative of the Drexel brand. We are confident that continuing to employ this hateful and disgusting man will do nothing but tarnish the Drexel name. We encourage you to terminate him as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,



John C. Rafferty, Jr.



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