

From: Tina Cluver [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 2:38 PM
To: Elizabeth O'Connor
Subject: Re: CRU at Nebraska Universities

Non-NU Email

Dear Regent O'Connor,

I'm glad to read you are a voice of sanity in this world of misinformation and miseducation. I hope you will be successful in educating your colleagues on this issue. This has been blown completely out of proportion and people don't even realize what the terminology means.

I heard Governor Ricketts attempt to explain what CRT is and it was embarrassing; I've attached his comments. I fear some of your fellow regents are in the same boat.

Thank you for your prompt reply. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tina Cluver

“So, the critical race theory – and I can’t think of the author right off the top of my head who wrote about this – really had a theory that, at the high level, is one that really starts creating those divisions between us about defining who we are based on race and that sort of thing and really not about how to bring us together as Americans rather than – and dividing us and also having a lot of very socialist-type ideas about how that would be implemented in our state,” Ricketts said, recommending the caller read about it.

On Mon, Jul 12, 2021 at 07:47 Elizabeth O'Connor <eoconnor@nebraska.edu> wrote:

Hi Tina,

Thank you for taking the time to email us. The legal theory was part of the curriculum when I was a student in 2012 and I believe is still taught in a few classes at UNO. I am waiting for information regarding the other campuses.

I think there is merit in a healthy exchange of ideas. There’s a comparison that the President of my other alma mater, Fr. Jenkins from Notre Dame made once when it comes to (controversial) free speech on campuses. He compared a university to a crossroads at a lighthouse. As a lighthouse, the university strives to stand apart and to examine different, illuminating issues with wisdom and deliberate thought. But a university is also a crossroads through which pass people of many different perspectives, backgrounds, faiths, and cultures. At this crossroads, we must be a place where people of good will are received with charity, able to speak, be heard, and engage in responsible and reasoned dialogue.

For these reasons, I will vote no on this resolution.

Again, thank you for your time. I am always grateful to see people passionate about education in Nebraska.

All the best,

Liz

From: Tina Cluver **Redacted**

Sent: Saturday, July 10, 2021 6:11 PM

To: Robert Phares <bphares@nebraska.edu>; Barbara Weitz <bweitz@nebraska.edu>; Elizabeth O'Connor <eoconnor@nebraska.edu>; Jack Stark <jackstark@nebraska.edu>; James Pillen <jpillen@nebraska.edu>; Paul Kenney <pkenney@nebraska.edu>; Robert Schafer <rschafer@nebraska.edu>; Timothy Clare <tclare@nebraska.edu>

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To All it Does Concern:

What is this nonsense about a resolution opposing critical race theory from being taught in Nebraska universities? Are you saying this legal theory isn't already part of the curriculum? How do you expect to send students, qualified in every way, out into the world without this important information? I am concerning that you are shortchanging your students, while also hamstringing your faculty and staff.

Very disappointed in the direction you've chosen to take and I will consider this in the future at all mentions of higher education in, and from, the state of Nebraska.

Shame on you.

Sincerely,

Tina Cluver