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VIA EMAIL ONLY

The Fulcrum
Attention: Savannah Awde
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Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Awde:

RE: Notice of Libel: Romeo Ahimakin

Thank you for your email of March 23, 2017 and the offer to interview Mr. Ahimakin for a story in your newspaper.

I have had an opportunity to review this offer with Mr. Ahimakin and he agrees to an interview on the following terms:

1. Prior to an interview with Mr. Ahimakin:
 - a. Your newspaper will interview Vanessa Doriman and her proxy Faduma Wais concerning their statements that Mr. Ahimakin is “violent and misogynistic”, that he “shuts down women in conversations”, that he “yelled at her on a number of occasions”, and that “he has missed multiple meetings”, and provide their answers to Mr. Ahimakin for his response to these allegations;
 - b. Your newspaper will interview Hadi Wess concerning his statements that because of Mr. Ahimakin executive meetings are “unsafe space” and that he has “missed many meetings and events”, and provide his answers to Mr. Ahimakin for his response to these allegations; and
 - c. Your newspaper will interview Morissa Dalhi-Ellis concerning her statement that Mr. Ahimakin “has laughed at her, silenced her, policed her tone, and did not show support for Black History Month events at the U of O.” and provide her answers to Mr. Ahimakin for his response to these allegations.

2. That witnesses to the alleged statements made will also be interviewed.
3. That the Fulcrum will publish in this story an admission that reporter Graham Robertson did not approach Mr. Ahimakin for his comments, at any time prior to the publishing of the March 6, 2017 article, concerning the alleged defamatory statements made at the Board meeting, and that the comments attributed to Mr. Ahimakin in the March 6 article were concerning other Board business.

You are aware that all of the above statements that Mr. Ahimakin alleges defamed him were published in your original article dated March 6, 2017 (Facebook) and on March 9, 2017 (newsprint). It is our view that your newspaper did not seek out the facts to attempt to verify the truth of any of these statements, nor ask for specific comment about them from Mr. Ahimakin, before publishing the article, and that the allegations have had significant impact on Mr. Ahimakin.

Thank you and I look forward to your timely response.

Yours truly,

R. Mitchell Rowe

c.c. R. Ahimakin