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**Subject:** RE: Question about last night's Support Meeting - Response

I'm good now.

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Governor White- thank you for your response. I'm available now and until our MBB game later tonight. Please let me know a convenient time and a good number to try you.

I look forward to connecting.

Mike

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Mike

I appreciate the response and am available to talk to you today any time after 2:00.

In anticipation of our call, please know that I have spoken with the UNC System Board Chair, a few other members, and the System Attorney and informed them that I believe this event violated the recent neutrality policy passed by the Board of Governors. I will be talking with them again, and canvassing our board to ensure that this is addressed at the appropriate level.

Whether or not planning for and holding this event violated policy, it was, nevertheless, an unnecessary thing to do. Suggesting to students - athletes or not - that their feelings over an election result was worthy of mental health services is ridiculous. It undermines the value of when those services are truly needed, such as when deaths occur, or shootings or natural disasters when young people have nowhere else to turn. But it is grossly inappropriate for a University to offer support services because of who won or lost a Presidential election.

For the UNCW Athletic Department to have entertained such a notion is worthy of more understanding on my part, and in that vein, please provide answers to my last two questions which were:

1. Were financial resources expended in order to conduct this event? If so, what was the source of the funding?
2. Was the decision to stage the event solely that of Dr. Krasnow, with no senior administrators approval?

Thank you, Mike, for your candor and response and I look forward to hearing from you and learning more.

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Dear Governor White:

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to personally reach out to you about your questions, which a UNCW Athletics employee shared with me. The event you referenced concluded early due to non-attendance; however, the counseling professional who initiated the event has shared that

several student-athletes had made individual counseling appointments to talk through concerns in their lives. Leading up to Election Day, some student-athletes expressed feelings of stress about the extensive media and social media coverage of a major national event. As a former Division I student-athlete and a new Seahawk who joined our team over the summer, the counselor wanted to be very responsive to their needs. The counselor sought to offer student-athletes a reminder, as she regularly does, to utilize university services designed to help them navigate the college experience, which includes teaching them to successfully manage their stress while being a full-time student competing at the Division I level.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this further with you. Your perspective is valuable to UNCW Athletics and to me. Please let me know a convenient time for us to connect via a call.

With best regards,

Mike

Michael Oblinger  
UNCW Athletics Director