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Good morning from a TU '16 Alum,

I recently heard that TU issued a reprimand to a professor for contacting alumni about a change to the programs they mastered in.

I rely on the faculty who mentored me at TU to keep me connected to the Tulsa community, and I am always happy to hear from them. When a faculty member communicates with alumni and keeps them engaged even though their careers have taken them far away from TU, that behavior is worthy of praise, not reprimand.

As an alumni I don't appreciate disciplinary practices that stunt what should be a lifelong relationship between alumni and alma mater--a relationship nurtured through person to person communication first and foremost.

This is how alumni feel. But as far as I have been able to ascertain, alumni groups and associations were not consulted about how we feel about contact from our mentors and friends in the faculty. I live near and follow one of the biggest alumni associations in the country, and I was not notified of any policy discouraging communication between alumni and faculty.

I hope TU administrators will consider how deeply I value TU as my alma mater, and that you will protect the ability of faculty to communicate with me about the evolution and growth of the programs I fell in love with and continue to benefit from.

Best,

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