

EXHIBIT 7

September 21, 2017

Nathan Brittsan
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Re: Letter of Dismissal from Fuller Theological Seminary

Dear Nathan:

This letter serves to communicate to you a decision by the Office of the Deans of Fuller Theological Seminary (“Fuller” or the “Seminary”) to dismiss you from enrollment at Fuller on the basis of a violation of the Seminary’s Community Standards. To briefly recap the circumstances underpinning this decision as we understand them, you applied for admission to Fuller, certifying on the application form that you would adhere to Fuller’s Community Standards of behavior. Following your acceptance based on that information, Fuller received a request from you to change your name from “Henning” to “Brittsan” in our student files, due to your marriage to a same-sex partner. Once Fuller’s Department of Admissions was made aware of this change in your marital status, it determined that the situation was a student-conduct matter appropriate for referral to the Dean’s Office.

Having received the background for your file, the Dean’s Office deems dismissal the appropriate action. As was explained to you in your telephone conversation with Max Wedel and Professor Kurt Frederickson, the Sexual Standards component of Fuller’s Community Standards contemplates

sexual union [as] reserved for marriage, which is the covenant union between one man and one woman, and that sexual abstinence is required for the unmarried. The seminary believes premarital, extramarital, and homosexual forms of explicit sexual conduct to be inconsistent with the teaching of Scripture. Consequently, the seminary expects all members of its community—students, faculty, administrators/managers, staff, and trustees—to abstain from what it holds to be unbiblical sexual practices.

Apart from agreeing to adhere to Fuller’s Community Standards at the time of admission, you agreed to do so on a continuing basis. Fuller’s Community Standards incorporate the Seminary’s sincerely held religious beliefs, which are protected as expressive views of a private institution under the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America. Because of your present nonconformance with the Biblical truth that Fuller believes animates its Community Standards, and because the nature of your departure cannot readily be changed, dismissal is proper in your circumstances.

We sympathize with the disruption that this decision has caused in your life. However, we firmly believe that it is best to resolve this matter before you attend classes and otherwise fully reconfigure your life for attendance at Fuller during the upcoming quarters. Our Registrar’s

Office will drop you from any class registrations and reverse any charges associated with them, and the Director of Student Financial Services will see that your enrollment deposit is refunded to you. Similarly, our Admissions Office will refund you your application fee. We wish you the best in future pursuits.

Finally, if you wish to appeal this decision of dismissal, please contact Nicole Boymook, Fuller's Executive Director of the Office of Student Concerns. She can be reached at nicoleboymook@fuller.edu, and will be able to guide you through the process of appealing to Fuller's Provost.

Sincerely,

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