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TU suspended student without hearing, failed to present evidence to accused

Trey Barnett was suspended last semester for Facebook posts written by someone else. He was never provided with a hearing. Editor-in-Chief Kyle Walker and Managing Editor Conor Fellin report.

Late last October, the University of Tulsa suspended George "Trey" Barnett on harassment charges. The case centered on three Facebook posts which either tagged Barnett or were posted to his page by another account.

Christopher Mangum, now Barnett's husband but at the time his fiance, claims in two sworn affidavits that he wrote the posts. Mangum has never attended TU and has been barred from campus.

Documents obtained by the Collegian show that Barnett never received a hearing, even though the Student Code of Conduct provides that "in all cases, a student accused of one or more violations of the student code has the right to a hearing."

Barnett has been suspended until at least 2016. He will not be allowed to graduate from TU with a degree in theatre, a degree which he was eleven credit hours from completing. Barnett was to graduate in December. He told the Collegian that his tuition had been paid in full.

After the suspension, Barnett is still in violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

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