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Updated timeline of significant events leading to the OU Board announcement to “disassociate itself from the Entity and all the Entity’s fundraising efforts...[and] move forward with developing a new Alumni operation.”

- **Note:** OUAA, **organized 92 years ago**, historically used an OU (locked) PO Box as its official mailing address
- **February 12-16** – OU and OUAA emails agreeing on a time to work on a Memo of Understanding for the SACSCOC 2018 Revised Standard compliance - after Alumni Weekend. OU’s next SACS Reaffirmation report is due in 2022
- **February 23** – OU Administration received notice about the OUAA 501(c)(3) revocation and called OU Attorney
- **March 5** – **OUAA President called an OU VP re: another matter and was told that OU had opened and read mail addressed to OUAA that indicated the OUAA tax exempt status was revoked**
- **March 8** - OU Emergency Board Meeting (OUAA takeover Taskforce organized)
- **March 12** - OUAA completed and filed missing IRS Forms 990 (Years - 2014, 2015, and 2016)
- **March 13** – OU Taskforce established a statement proposing to take over Alumni Weekend and funds
- **March 14** – OUAA placed “Notice Regarding Tax Exempt Status” on website.
- **March 16** – OUAA retained Counsel
- **March 20** – IRS Form 1023 filed (Retroactive Reinstatement application)
- **March 21** – OUAA Attorney sent letter to OU Board - expressing illegality of OU Board takeover actions of an independent organization - and expressing that **“OUAA would prefer to deescalate and resolve the current disagreement in the spirit of fellowship rather than conflict.”**
- **March 21** – OU Board meeting w/ OU Attorney; OUAA President was refused legal counsel presence at meeting
- **March 27** – OU Attorney sent a 10 pm email, threatening consequences if demands weren’t met by 10am (**12 overnight hours**).
- **March 29** – 12 pm; OU **released** media statement regarding OUAA tax status (start of Alumni Weekend)
- **March 29** – Spectrum Magazine **released** OU statement re: OUAA tax status
- **March 29** – 7:18 pm; North American Division **released** OU article re: OUAA tax status
- **March 30** – Adventist Review **released** OU statement re: OUAA tax status
- **March 30** – Fulcrum7.com **released** article based upon OU’s statement re: OUAA tax status
- **April 1** – **Annual OUAA Meeting; Voted:** Propose to OU that a working group be established to address relationship issues and current conflict
- **April 16** – OUAA receives **IRS letter - Retroactive Reinstatement of tax exempt status; informs OU Board****
Note: OUAA has never received any mailed IRS notice regarding 501(c)(3) status
- **April 16** – OU Board votes to disassociate from OUAA, refuse fundraising efforts, and develop a new Alumni association that reports to OU President (**Note: OU is in receipt of OUAA donation of \$140,000 towards the Student Center Treehouse project that has not yet been implemented**).
- **April 17** – OU Admin contacts the Von Braun attempting to takeover OUAA contract for future Alumni Weekends
- OUAA has secured a new mailing address

- **NOTE: OU Board voted actions leading to their decision to “disassociate... and develop a new Alumni operation” have not included an OU Board formal request to meet with the OUAA President or the OUAA Board to ask questions, mediate, or discuss a resolution for their expressed deep concerns.**

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