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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matter and was told that OU had opened and read mail addressed to OUAA that indicated the OUAA tax exempt status was revoked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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