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Admissions concerns he raised

Transcript p. 68, lines 20–25

Q: When you were told by Senator McDaniel that this -- you had to adopt a 2.5 and an 18 ACT, did you advise Senator McDaniel that that would be discriminatory against Black entrants into the HBCU?
A: I voiced my concern over most of these thing.
Q: Did that include voicing your concern that a

Transcript p. 69, lines 1–8

minimum GPA of 2.5 at the HBCU would reduce Black entrance to the university?
A: Yes, I did voice my concern.
Q: Did you voice that same concern to Senator Neal?
A: Yes, I did.
Q: Did you voice that same concern to CPE?
A: Yes, I did.

Transcript p. 74, lines 2–8

MR. MORRIS: -- what are -- excuse me. What are the concerns that you raised to Senator McDaniel related to Senate Bill 185?
THE WITNESS: If you look at 2.5 GPA and 18 ACT, that would close the door on so many of my student or student who are seeking admission at KSU. I shared that concern and, as you alluded to it earlier, that's

His discrimination concern and qualification

Transcript p. 72, lines 3–16

Q: Yeah. And I -- so your concerns were the Senate Bill 185 would discriminate against Black students, correct?
A: That's correct. I do have concern because you take a collect -- a payment -- a thousand threshold, it is -- it is a concern because it wouldn't give us the flexibility to work with student. So I did have concern over that as well.
Q: And so you told -- and I want to make sure because the specifics are very important. You told Senator McDaniel that this Senate Bill 185 discriminated against Black students. Or words to that --
A: I did not say it the way you were saying it, but I did say I have concern.

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His understanding of the choices

Transcript p. 76, lines 8–16

Q: Did you feel threatened by Senator McDaniel's statement that he was going to close KSU if you didn't comply?
A: I was concerned.
Q: Were you threatened?
A: I wouldn't call it a threat, but what I said that I said to you was concerning to me because I was given two option. Either I shut it down for two years or this is what we're going to do.

Transcript p. 77, lines 2–8

Q: Is it your testimony as you sit here today that you did not have any ability to disagree?
A: I was given two options.
Q: I understand. And I'm asking you, did you feel like you had no other option but to agree?
A: I voiced my concern and the -- the -- whatever was left for me was to agree.

Transcript p. 77, lines 15–20

Q: Is that correct? Your only option was closure or agree to a 2.5 and 18 GPA, right?
A: That was my understanding.
Q: Or 2.5 and an 18 ACT, I'm sorry. Your only option was to agree or, I'm closing your doors?
A: That was my understanding.

What he understood about confidentiality

Transcript p. 86, lines 3–7

Q: I understand. Who relayed to you to maintain this confidentially, if anyone?
A: Nobody forced me, but I -- I do recall my first meeting with McDaniel, I was made to understand that this is confidential. We're having a discussion.

Transcript p. 87, lines 2–4

A: He never directly tell me, you don't -- you don't talk or you don't do this. But my understanding, that was confidential, my initial meeting.