CHRY-Doyle dispute comes to a standstill

By MARK WRIGHT

CHRY has withdrawn its offer of mediation to resolve its dispute with John Doyle.

In a press conference held on Tuesday, Mike Fletcher, spokesperson for the Board of Directors of CHRY, said that Doyle had not formally accepted the offer of mediation.

"It's now over three months and we've accomplished nothing. He provided the conditions and we accepted them," Fletcher said.

"He never accepted mediation. We wanted to get moving but all we were getting was a stream of more questions.

Doyle was dismissed from his position as CHRY's news director in early October because of "philosophical differences with management over the direction the station was taking," Fletcher said.

Doyle argued that he was fulfilling his duties as news director and that the dismissal was unfair because he was not given proper notice.

In November, the Board of Directors — in a meeting attended by Doyle - decided to bring the dispute before a mediator from the University's Complaint Centre.

In response to the Board's announcment, Doyle wrote a letter stating that the withdrawal was "an act of breathtaking hypocrisy.'

Doyle said that he had been asking questions about the mediation process but was getting no answers, and that communications were not handled very well.

"I wrote letters to the CHRY chairperson Pat Anderson and to station manager Daniel Zaretsky asking the names of the station's representatives in mediation, and received no reply," Doyle said.

"It's standard procedure to have simple questions answered. When you aren't told, it's easy to assume that the other party is not proceeding in good faith."

Fletcher said that the mediation process would not take place until Doyle had agreed.

However, Doyle maintains that "all they had to do was contact me."

"I think they're trying to push me into legal action because I'm unemployed and don't have the resources.

Doyle has been unemployed since October 7.

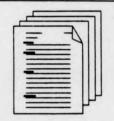
Fletcher concluded that they still want the situation resolved speedily, but that it was no longer a top

"It's up to Mr. Doyle now, and not up to the Board.'

"As far as legal action or settlement is concerned, I'm not ruling out anything," Doyle said.

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