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Proposed Press statement:

Today the University closed their pending employment review process against me, and contemporaneously I announced my intention to retire from my position as Professor in the School of Earth and Space Exploration and the Physics Department at ASU, at the end of this academic year, May 16, 2019. I feel vindicated that the University has accepted my retirement request and agreed to settle the employment process with no admission of wrongdoing. It is worth stressing that following the University Investigation it remains true that none of my students, faculty colleagues, postdoctoral research associates, or participants in the Origins events I led over the the past decade at ASU has issued any complaints to the University regarding my behavior. The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences had recommended my dismissal on July 31 following the completion of investigations by the Office of Equity and Inclusion. Subsequent to that in my appeal I presented new evidence and information that undermined the credibility of the claims, and a number of the claimants. I do not know if this factored into the University's decision to settle this matter with no admission of wrongdoing but I am gratified by this result. I look forward to continuing my writing, research, and public outreach activities elsewhere after retiring from ASU.

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