



BROWN

Office of Campus Life
and Student Services

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Tara E. Sweeney
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Dear Ms. Sweeney,

President Simmons has asked me to respond on her behalf to your letter of October 27

regarding the suspension of the Religious Union Fellowship (RUF) at Brown

University. As the senior officer responsible for campus life and student services

including the Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life, I have reviewed this matter in a

thorough and unbiased manner and I am satisfied

that the action was warranted and that it represented an evenhanded application of the

University's standards and procedures

and affiliation of religious organizations which operate on campus under their own

I have personally sought to mediate this matter with the goal of ending the suspension

and resuming a relationship between RUF and the Chaplain's Office that is based on trust

and consensus. You can be assured that I will continue to be available to the student

leadership of the organization to do so.

Sincerely,

Russell C. Carey
Interim Vice President
Campus Life and Student Services

cc: President Ruth J. Simmons