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Letter from the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, January 10, 2025

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Fri, Jan 10, 2025 at 11:51 AM

To: "Nancy Hamill (Campus Staff)" <Nancy.Hamill@ucop.edu>

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Dear Ms. Hamill,

Please see the attached letter from the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE). A copy of this letter was sent via U.S. Mail today.

Sincerely,

Zach

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Just following up here. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best,
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Zach,

Thank you for your patience while we reviewed this matter. We appreciate your sharing FIRE's perspective on the issues related to unrecognized organizations. FIRE's prior outreach has been helpful in our efforts to add clarity to the narrow circumstances in which the campus limitations on previously disciplined unrecognized organizations apply.

Notwithstanding our previous productive exchanges and collaboration with improved policy language, I understand that FIRE remains dissatisfied. The disconnect perhaps arises from FIRE's overly broad interpretation of what are reasonable restrictions imposed on unrecognized student organizations. To be clear, individual students can associate with whomever they choose. The University does not discipline students for joining an unregistered group and there is no policy or mechanism that would allow the University to discipline for such association. The restrictions at issue pertain only to recognized student groups and are properly tailored to limited group activities (co-sponsoring / co-organizing events) insofar as they may relate to previously recognized student groups which have engaged in misconduct. Accordingly, such restrictions are lawful, appropriate, and permissible.

Again, we appreciate the good work that your organization does to ensure that the principles of the First Amendment are appropriately respected and honored. We look forward to continued future collaboration on such important issues as they may arise.

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