



May 5, 2003

Via Facsimile: 215-717-3440

Dr. Alan Charles Kors
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Dear Dr. Kors:

By now, I hope you have received the statement I issued on May 2, 2003 regarding the Advocates for Conservative Thought (ACT).

I deeply regret the escalation of the issue you raised in your original letter to me. Unfortunately, I did not see the letter and those to whom it was referred did not respond in a timely manner or bring it to my attention.

I think it is perfectly acceptable for Committee on Student Organizations to develop recommendations or standards for the formation of student organizations on campus. But the purpose and content of those organizations absolutely should not be subject to reviews. ACT's application will be reviewed immediately, and I have asked that our process be reviewed and modified so that future groups do not experience unnecessary and unfair obstacles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DES", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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