

DIVISION OF STUDENT LIFE

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Dear Ms. Patton,

In regard to your letter dated November 13, 2019, I am responding on behalf of our President.

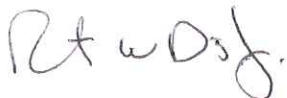
Your letter inaccurately describes the actions of our Student Senate. At a meeting on October 4, 2019, the Student Senate considered a proposal to create a campus chapter of Turning Point USA. At that meeting, the proposal was voted on and did not meet the vote threshold set forth in Article III, Section 1.b.1. of the *Constitution of the Student Government of The University of Scranton*, which says:

- “b. The Student senate has the authority and/or responsibility to:
1. Recommend the University charter any student organization by a two-thirds majority of the number present at a Student Senate meeting.”

An officer erroneously announced at the meeting that the club proposal had passed. The error was realized after the meeting. The officer acknowledged the mistake to senators at a special meeting of the Student Senate on October 8, 2019. The officer then personally and immediately informed the proposed club's leader of the error and the actual outcome. He also offered to meet with the leader to discuss options going forward.

In summary, the proposed club did not meet the two-thirds threshold required, and, as a result, was not chartered as a club.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Davis, Jr., Ed.D.  
Vice President for Student Life