

January 12, 2021

Mr. Zachary Greenberg
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Sent via Electronic Mail (zach.greenberg@thefire.org)

Re: Binghamton University- response to January 8, 2021 letter

Dear Mr. Greenberg:

I am writing in response to your January 8, 2021 letter expressing concerns about due process in the context of fraternal organizations and institutional response to sexual assault reports.

Binghamton continues to work through improvements to policies, programs and services related to prevention, education and response in the context of sexual assault and harassment. We are engaged in an on-going external review and also in continuing internal discussions of program enhancement. The process of final policy and program change and approval is on-going and not yet finalized. We previously determined that the statement with which your letter takes issue was not sound as a policy matter (victims groups advised it would tend to discourage reporting) before even getting to legal review. You correctly point out that we had not removed the offending language in our public facing documents as of the date of your letter. We have since updated the content of the document to reflect this change and the former statement is no longer under consideration for implementation. Please let me know if you have any further concerns.

Sincerely yours,



Brian T. Rose
Vice President for Student Affairs

CC: Harvey Stenger, President Binghamton University
Barbara Scarlett, University Counsel