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April 22, 2005

Mr. David French, President  
Foundation for Individual Rights in Education  
210 West Washington Square, Suite 303  
Philadelphia PA 19106

Dear Mr. French:

Thank you for your letter of April 19 regarding Princeton Faith and Action. As you correctly note, students at Princeton engaging in extracurricular activities on campus are free to form organizations devoted to a wide variety of objectives. We guarantee that University recognition will not be withheld from any group pursuing lawful objectives merely because its aims may seem unorthodox. These policies are important to our educational community, and we welcome the opportunity to ensure that they are being fully implemented.

After receiving your letter, Vice President Dickerson, Dean Breidenthal, and I reviewed the requests of Princeton Faith and Action to determine how they should be treated in light of University policies and values. We agreed that Princeton Faith and Action should be granted recognition provided that it meets the criteria applied by the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students to other student groups. Dean Kathleen Deignan has contacted the leaders of the group to expedite a decision about recognition. I have also asked the University Provost, Christopher Eisgruber, to determine whether other procedural changes are necessary to ensure that we treat student expressive organizations fairly.

Thank you for bringing your concerns regarding this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shirley M. Tilghman".

Shirley M. Tilghman