



THE UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA
GREENSBORO

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January 19th, 2006

Chancellor Patricia A. Sullivan
303 Mossman Building
Greensboro, NC 27403

Dear Chancellor Sullivan,

By now you are undoubtedly aware of and have reviewed the report released on January 10th, 2006 by the Pope Center for Higher Education Policy and the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education entitled "The State of the First Amendment in the University of North Carolina System".

One of the criticisms of UNCG in the report, titled "Nondiscrimination Policies", states,

At UNC Greensboro, all registered student organizations must include an "Anti-discrimination statement" in their constitutions: "The Anti-Discrimination statement must include that student organizations may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender, age, national origin, disability, military, veteran status, *political affiliation* or sexual orientation." (Emphasis added.)

We, as members of the College Libertarians and College Republicans, recognize that our rights as political organizations are being circumvented by this troublingly unconstitutional policy.

As it is unreasonable to request political organizations to admit members of opposing political parties, and to require us to do so would sabotage the level of political discourse on campus, we strongly encourage you to change this policy to reflect the rights of students to associate however they may choose. We ask that the anti-discrimination statement be altered to except political groups from the political affiliation portion of the statement and religious groups from the religion portion of the statement.

Until such time that the anti-discrimination statement is officially altered, we will be unable to include the full statement in our organizational constitutions, or comply with the policy.

We are also compelled to inform you that we are prepared to pursue legal action to remedy the situation, if necessary.

We look forward to your response and to working with University officials in rectifying this oversight in the constitutional rights of UNCG students.

Respectfully,

For the College Libertarians,



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