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Re: Chi Alpha's chapter at Cal State Stanislaus

Dear Dr. Espinoza,

Thank you for your response to our February 6 letter. As you know, for 40 years, Chi Alpha has been a valued part of the Cal State Stanislaus community. And as I think you agree, our student members and religious leaders reflect both the diversity of Cal State Stanislaus and Chi Alpha's commitment to following Christ and serving others.

But on September 11, 2014, Cal State Stanislaus abruptly ended this beneficial relationship by sending a memo accusing Chi Alpha of religious discrimination. Within twenty-four hours, university personnel locked Chi Alpha students out of their reserved meeting space and forced them to hold their meetings off campus—in effect our Chi Alpha chapter was exiled from campus. The harm from these incidents is ongoing, as it continues to affect Chi Alpha's student members to this day.

You state in your letter that “despite the representations in your February 6 letter, the Cal State Stanislaus chapter of Chi Alpha has not yet submitted an updated constitution.” This assertion is simply wrong. On November 7, 2014, Chi Alpha chapter president Bianca Travis submitted an updated constitution to Cal State Stanislaus administrator Alissa Aragon. That constitution complies in every respect with the requirements you set forth in your letter.



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As the compliant constitution makes clear, although we are prepared to abide by it this year, Cal State's reinterpreted nondiscrimination policy:

- Burdens Chi Alpha's sincere religious exercise,
- Improperly interferes with the internal affairs of a religious organization, and
- Violates the law, including the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Article I of the California Constitution.

This constitution was the result of both an effort at compromise on Chi Alpha's part and Ms. Aragon's specific instructions. Both Ms. Travis' email submitting the constitution and the compliant constitution are attached.

Since our Chi Alpha chapter has already submitted a constitution that is compliant with your latest request, we ask that you immediately reinstate Chi Alpha as a recognized student group and immediately allow the Cal State Stanislaus Chi Alpha chapter to return to campus for the remainder of this semester.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Scott Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

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