

**BROWN**Office of Campus Life  
and Student Services

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Tara E. Sweeney  
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Philadelphia, PA 19106

Dear Ms. Sweeney,

President Simmons has asked me to respond on her behalf to your letter of October 27 regarding the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) student organization at Brown University. As the senior officer responsible for campus life and student services, including the Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life, I have reviewed this matter in a thorough manner, including the circumstances which led to the suspension. I am satisfied that that action was warranted and that it represented an even-handed application of the University Chaplaincy's long-standing policies and procedures governing the oversight and affiliation of religious organizations which operate on campus under their auspices.

I have personally sought to mediate this matter with the goal of ending the suspension and resuming a relationship between RUF and the Chaplain's Office that is based on trust and confidence. You can be assured that I will continue to be available to the student leadership of the organization to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Russell C. Carey".

Russell C. Carey  
Interim Vice President  
Campus Life and Student Services

cc: President Ruth J. Simmons