

## RE: Our Community is Hurting

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Dear Members of the Trinity College Community,

**We hear you.**

On April 29th, 2019, the Trinity College Student Government Association (SGA) voted to deny recognition of the Churchill Club as a student organization. The following day, Trinity College President Joanne Berger-Sweeney and the College Administration attempted to override SGA's decision. This action is an irresponsible and unprecedented seizure of authority from the SGA, and therefore the Trinity student body. On May 1st, the SGA passed the following resolution condemning this action and encouraging all members of the Trinity College community to oppose this unjust interference. Please support this resolution by signing the Change.org petition [here](#). Please also show your support by joining our protest of the Administration's decision which will begin at noon in front of the MECC.

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF TRINITY COLLEGE

#### Resolution Regarding Administrative Interference in SGA Matters

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association of Trinity College (SGA) is the duly elected body charged with representing the Student Body of Trinity College;

WHEREAS, the SGA is empowered to regulate student organizations;

WHEREAS, the SGA has sole authority over approving student organizations for official recognition;

WHEREAS, the school Administration, inclusive of the deans of Trinity College, the President of Trinity College, or any of their agents, lacks authority in recognizing student organizations;

WHEREAS, the school Administration is not representative of the Student Body;

WHEREAS, student organizations may exist on campus as unofficial, unrecognized groups;

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association of Trinity College voted on April 28, 2019 at its regularly scheduled meeting to deny the Churchill Club approval;

WHEREAS, in doing so, the SGA denied the Churchill Club official recognition as a student organization;

WHEREAS, the Office of Student Activities, Involvement and Leadership (SAIL) does not have authority to approve student organizations for official recognition;

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2019, President Berger-Sweeney sent a message to the entire Community of Trinity College affirming the Churchill Club's status as an officially recognized student organization in neglect of the aforementioned SGA vote;

WHEREAS, such action can only be interpreted as an explicit effort to silence the voice of the SGA and the Student Body of Trinity College.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association of Trinity College condemns any Administrative interference in the approval process for student organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association of Trinity College condemns any attempt by the Administration to circumvent the well-established student organization approval process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association of Trinity College condemns intentional actions on the part of the Administration to withhold information regarding its own interpretation of the student organization approval process in an attempt to frustrate the SGA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association of Trinity College considers any attempt by the Administration, as referenced above, to be an irresponsible and unprecedented seizure of authority from the SGA and, therefore, the Student Body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association of Trinity College condemns the actions of President Berger-Sweeney taken on April 29, 2019 as an above referenced seizure of authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association of Trinity College enjoins all members of the Trinity College Community to oppose any Administrative interference in the student organization approval process and to make such opposition known to members of the Administration.

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