

Statement from Campus Ministers' Association
Approved Monday, August 23, 2004

As religious professionals, assigned by our respective organizations, Jewish and Christian alike, to serve the UNC Chapel Hill campus, we write in support of Chancellor Moeser's position in response to allegations by FIRE that claim University discrimination. Each of us oversees religious student organizations that have been recognized and approved by the University. None of our groups have experienced discrimination based on our particular form of religious expression by the University. Not accidentally, none of our groups have within their by-laws exclusive clauses that require a particular religious affiliation for membership. We encourage the University to continue to protect the right of all students to participate in organizations of their choosing.

Rev. Jan Rivero, United Methodist Campus Minister
Rev. Mark Coulter, Lutheran Campus Pastor
Rabbi Sharon Mars, Hillel Jewish Rabbi
Rev. Caroline Craig, Presbyterian Campus Minister
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