



*Office of the Vice President and Dean of Students
Division of Student Affairs*

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Dear Chris,

Thank you for your recent letter and for your interest in making Tulane a stronger university. Your letter was very thoughtfully written. It raised some valid points and sound suggestions.

Rigorous academic standards in the classroom and student involvement in research are important aspects of a highly-acclaimed Research I institution and are reinforced by the Tulane Renewal Plan. Many of the suggestions you make actually fall under the purview of the Provost, who oversees the coordination and quality of Tulane's academic and research programs. I have forwarded him a copy of your letter. The university is always looking for ways to improve its academic reputation and Student Affairs endeavors to provide any support we can give to our academic units.

Student Affairs is also committed to developing a stronger Greek system at Tulane. The Greek Life Core Action Group, which is comprised of students, faculty and staff, is working hard to more closely align the Greek community with the university mission and to ensure that Greek life at Tulane seeks the very best of the values that are inherent in fraternity and sorority life.

Our hope is that the Greek community will continue to thrive as an integral part of the larger Tulane community. We also want all of our students to enjoy the social aspects of Tulane and New Orleans in a safe and responsible manner, which occasionally means implementing rules and regulations to govern social activities.

Programming – especially student-led programming – is an important part of the university experience. Students at Tulane, through student government and other student organizations, have the ability to decide where to allocate funds for programming use. The same types of funds that created Crawfest also helped to bring in world-renowned speakers like Colin Powell and Al Gore.

The best way to make a difference at Tulane is to simply get involved. I would welcome a chance to meet with you to discuss your ideas. We are all striving to create a university environment that provides both a well-respected academic environment and a rich student life experience.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Cherrey', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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