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Dear Members of Greek-Letter Organizations,

I write to you today to address a serious problem in higher education that I hope will not become a serious problem at UNC Pembroke. Hazing is an ugly stain upon the fabric of higher education. Its’ roots emanate from a time in higher education in which civility and mutual respect were not institutional hallmarks. Hazing has the potential to cause severe individual hardship and a profoundly negative impact in the classroom and university community. Hazing can cause physical, emotional and psychological damage.

Hazing is inconsistent with UNCP values, and left unchecked, will take us back to a very dark time in the history of fraternity and sorority life. UNCP strives to prepare students for leadership in professional careers. Hazing represents leadership by intimidation or coercion—the opposite form of leadership principles in which we believe. Such acts perpetrated against students simply looking to join a fraternity or sorority and make the world a better place are unacceptable.

I am a proud member of a fraternity. I am bound to uphold principles that lift others up and not tear them down. I am bound to fulfill my civic duty, which includes helping and not hurting others. Today, I have penned this missive to implore you to live up to the high ideals and values of your fraternities and sororities. You are the leaders of tomorrow. I strongly believe you are up to the tasks that lie ahead. Thank you for your leadership. I look forward to working with you to ensure your experience at UNCP is great.

Sincerely,

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