



We find these explanations problematic for several reasons. First, there are real and substantial differences between the existing student organizations and the proposed NAACP chapter. BOSCUA states its purpose as “Enlightening ourselves and fellow students with regard to African-American culture, history, and the dilemmas confronting African American people in America today.” Among its stated goals are “to aid in the fostering of an African American identity” and “to fulfill the desires, aspirations and alleviate the anxieties of the African American community at CUA, as well as serve as an outward expression of the diverse CUA

*University of Wisconsin* (2000), public colleges are not even allowed to make decisions on funding student groups on the basis of viewpoint—a principle that makes explicit the distinction between recognizing and endorsing the views of a student club. Furthermore, the NAACP takes no official position on abortion. There has been no indication that the proposed chapter intends to engage the abortion issue in any way—on the contrary, the group has assured CUA that it will not. We would also like to point out that the national organization of the College Democrats, an existing organization at CUA, is specifically dedicated to advocating for abortion rights as part of its mission. Yet CUA has recognized and allowed the College Democrats to operate on campus, presumably with little disruption. Surely, if an organization such as the College

Democrats, with its openly pro-choice platform, can peacefully coexist with CUA, so too can the NAACP.

We are aware that CUA takes very seriously its values as a Catholic institution. We also believe that it takes seriously its role as an educational institution and as a leader in academic excellence.