



Office of Finance and Administration

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Mr. Nigël Edwards, Esq.
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Dear Attorney Edwards:

Thank you for your April 14, 2022 letter regarding Masjid King Khalid. In your letter, you assert that "it is evident that your administration has one set of rules for Christians and another set of rules for Muslims." This is not true. As I informed you previously, the University is and remains closed to outside events. Since I spoke with your Iman, Juma Musa, the University has denied the use of its facilities consistently to outside organizations:

- **Sigma Pi Phi**, also known as The Boule, includes Shaw's alumni and members of its Board of Trustees. The Boule has requested and been denied use of space for its meetings and receptions.
- **The General Baptist State Convention** includes Shaw's alumni and holds a seat on its Board of Trustees. GBSC currently rents space on Shaw's campus. It too has been denied use of space for events.
- Finally, we receive numerous requests to host weddings and events from outside parties and organizations at **Boyd Chapel**. They too have been denied the use of the Chapel for outside events and activities.

The University continues to use its facilities, including Boyd Chapel and the International Studies Center for University purposes such as classes, lectures, and ceremonies. These activities are lead by and sponsored by Shaw's faculty, its student organizations, and its administration. For example, Shaw's Divinity School recently hosted its 48th Annual Alexander-Pegues Minister's Conference on campus and the Chapel, through the Divinity School, does hold worship services.

I will contact you once the University reopens for public use and rental.

Sincerely,

David H. Byrd
Vice President Finance and Administration