Dear COSO,

Our organization really does believe in giving people the benefit of the doubt, but after all of our interactions this past year with your group, this appears to be yet another bad faith action from COSO. Your latest email is nonsensical and not based in any kind of reality.

1) Your comments regarding trademark and the use of Dartmouth's name are not factual whatsoever. Countless businesses in Hanover and across the Upper Valley use Dartmouth in their name without seeking any kind of permission. Moreover, Dartmouth has twice threatened to sue *The Dartmouth Review* for the same thing and has twice thought better of it, since it's a losing issue. Our legal representation is more than willing to litigate this because, again, it's completely nonsensical.

2) We have the right to use any logo we desire and change it as we please just like any other group on campus. For example, the College Democrats changed their logo in 2017. We request proof that they sought COSO's permission to make this change. Apologia changed their logo in 2016. We request a written record that they asked for COSO's permission. Divest Dartmouth changed their logo in 2017. We again request proof that they sought COSO's permission beforehand. Lastly, in 2019, our group also changed logos as well. Where is the proof that they had to go to COSO first? We could give you dozens of examples, but we will stop here. We suspect that you will be unable to provide us any written documentation that these groups required COSO's permission to change their logos.

3) You stated: "As further clarification, the Dartmouth College Republicans have not been a chapter of the CRNC in the past." However, our official **Dartmouth** website clearly states that the organization "is a member of the New Hampshire Federation of College Republicans and the College Republicans National Committee." Moreover, Dartmouth College Republicans was a founding member of the NHFCR, which is the CRNC at the state level. Our logo is included in NHFCR's logo. We have been a **member** for decades, and we are also the first institution listed on their website.

The 2020 spring constitution, which you claim to have read and are insisting that we use, includes numerous statements about our institutional connections with NHFCR and the CRNC at the national level. On the **first page**, our constitution states that **we are a chapter of the CRNC**. In Article IV section 4.01, the officers of the New Hampshire State College Republicans (NHFCR) are given seats on our board. According to you, this was all approved by COSO. Other than a very strong intent to harm our organization, we are unable to find any other explanation for COSO's statement that we have never been a chapter of the CRNC. This decision was another example of bad faith and outright malice on COSO's part. You had already done this earlier in the year when you attempted to force us to abide by a word document written by the previous administration that was never approved by anyone. Your bias is clear and we see right through these arbitrary decisions.

Furthermore, a number of other groups on campus also affiliate with national organizations such as the Dartmouth Democrats, NAACP, National Society of Black Engineers, and Dartmouth's chapter of Planned Parenthood Generation Action. We have a feeling that you had no issue at all allowing them to affiliate with their national organizations.

4) It is incorrect to interpret our updated constitution as having a different mission statement. There was only one sentence added to clarify our original mission. Beyond that, the phrase "right-of-center" was simply changed to "conservative." We are the same organization with the same members, leadership, and faculty advisors. In fact, working with College Republicans United, rather than the CRNC, improves our ability to fulfill our mission, as outlined in all versions of our constitution. Lastly, we did not change our name because we reserve the right to use both names since we are the same organization.

At this point, it has become apparent that COSO selectively-enforces rules and has a political agenda. To our disappointment, we discovered that Garrick Allison, a prominent member of COSO, liked a denouncement of our club issued by the Dartmouth Democrats on Instagram. Likewise, other COSO board members including Pierce Wilson, Amanda McIntyre, and Vitallia Williams liked a post denouncing our group issued by the Young Democratic Socialists of America, in which our speakers were called "fascist predators" and our group a "herd of white supremacists." These are the expressed opinions of your members directly against our group.

This is inappropriate behavior for students on a board overseeing and allocating funds to clubs at Dartmouth. We now know why COSO has persisted in imposing thousands of dollars in security fees on our group and why COSO believes that a change in national affiliation/logo jeopardizes the entire existence of a student club founded in 1958.

Your actions this year have dispelled any illusions we have had about COSO. In fact, it has sobered us to the reality of how the purportedly “neutral” bureaucracy of Dartmouth complements and encourages the left-wing radicalism that has attacked us all year. We, along with many third-party observers in the wider community—alumni, journalists, state representatives, legal professionals—have been frankly shocked by the degree to which free speech is an issue at Dartmouth College, where the Heckler’s Veto is not only effective but institutionally supported, and where violence is not the fault of the instigator but of the victim.

Honestly at this point, your board should resign in disgrace and your group should be disbanded for acting in bad faith.

Best,
The Dartmouth College Republicans