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**Subject:** Statement of Support for the Sexuality and Gender Diversity Faculty Staff Council's call to Stop the move of Chick-fil-A  
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 OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

Dear Chancellor Girod, Interim Provost Lejuez and Mr. Mucci,

We, members of the Faculty, Staff and Student Senates, support the Sexuality and Gender Diversity Faculty Staff Council's call to stop the move of Chick-fil-A to the Memorial Union. We concur with their conclusion that having Chick-fil-A on campus is in "direct contrast to the KU mission of fostering a multicultural, inclusive environment", but also recognize that contractual obligations may not allow for their removal at this time. For that reason we are calling on the Union Board and the Administration to reconsider moving the restaurant to the KU Memorial Union, an area on campus that houses spaces that the KU community designates as safe and accepting. When the Memorial Union was first constructed it was not a welcoming space, it had segregated dining facilities and Chancellor Lindley did little to change the policy during his tenure. Over the past few decades the Memorial Union has become a central part of campus and student life, housing multiple student organizations, and offices such as The Center of Sexuality and Gender Diversity and the Office of Multicultural Affairs, all working together to create a welcoming place for all KU students, staff and faculty, as well as visitors to our university. Moving Chick-fil-A to the Union will violate the space that has been created and will send a message that the Union is not concerned with creating a welcoming environment for marginalized and LGBTQ people. Please do not go back to the years of Chancellor Lindley, support open and accepting spaces in the Memorial Union and throughout KU's campus.