

JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE PARTIES IN
COHEN V. BROWN UNIVERSITY

Brown and the attorneys representing the plaintiff class in the *Cohen v. Brown* case have reached a proposed settlement on plaintiffs' June 29 court challenge to Brown's restructuring of its athletics program. The original *Cohen* case was settled in 1998 by Joint Agreement. The plaintiffs' recent motion alleged violation of that Joint Agreement.

Under the terms of the proposed settlement, Brown's women's equestrian and women's fencing teams will be restored to varsity status and the Joint Agreement will terminate in August 2024. All other changes to Brown's athletics program announced in May 2020 will remain unaffected by the parties' settlement, including that women's golf, skiing, and squash will continue at club status and women's and co-ed sailing will remain at their newly-elevated varsity status, with each varsity sailor counted once for purposes of the Joint Agreement.

The Joint Agreement, which has been in effect since October 1998, will terminate on August 31, 2024, and Brown will remain subject to Title IX. While the Joint Agreement is in effect, Brown will comply with the Agreement's maximum 2.25% difference between the percentage of women varsity athletes and women full-time undergraduates. During this time, Brown will not reduce the status of or eliminate any women's varsity teams and will not add any new men's varsity teams.

The parties will incorporate these terms into a Proposed Amendment to the Joint Agreement, which will be submitted to Judge John J. McConnell, Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island for his approval upon notice to the *Cohen* class. Brown's women's equestrian and fencing teams will be restored to varsity status upon preliminary approval of the proposed settlement, which is expected to be presented to the Court next week.

The Settlement Terms approved by the parties are attached.