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Dear Mr. Kurland:

I have received your letter of October 9, 2007 in which you ask us to respond to AAUP's censure of Loyola and more particularly to comment upon the recommendations made by the University Rank and Tenure Committee which considered faculty members' appeals of their terminations.

I have already commented on AAUP's report condemning Loyola and other New Orleans universities for the difficult decisions each was forced to make as a result of Katrina. Rehashing our disagreements with your report is unnecessary.

You invite us to debate and discuss with AAUP URTC's recommendations (and remember, under our handbook, that is what URTC issued, recommendations to me as president) to reinstate each and every faculty member who appealed, even one who voluntarily elected emeritus status. However, as you know, we are now in litigation with several faculty members and therefore public comment on the merits of URTC's recommendations is not appropriate. Nonetheless, we have maintained and will continue to encourage dialogue directly with our faculty, formally, informally, through the faculty's representative bodies, in committees, and individually. In fact, I am meeting with representatives of Loyola's AAUP chapter later this month.

While we hope one day to be removed from AAUP's censure list, our focus for now will be on rebuilding and re-shaping our university, together with our faculty and the other members of our community. We welcome any assistance AAUP cares to provide.

Very truly yours,

Kevin Wm. Wildes, S.J., Ph.D.
President

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