



July 9, 2015

VIA ELECTRONIC AND SURFACE MAIL

Dr. F. King Alexander
President and Chancellor
Louisiana State University
3810 West Lakeshore Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808

Dear Dr. Alexander:

With it now apparent that the dismissal of Associate Professor Teresa Buchanan per your recommendation from her tenured position on the LSU faculty is being allowed to stand, I am writing to inform you of further steps that the AAUP is taking in the matter.

First, acting today after consultation with senior AAUP program officers, our executive director has authorized preparation of a report on the Buchanan case as a supplement to the public record relating to the LSU administration's existing presence on the AAUP's censure list. As with the initial report that was the basis for the censure, a draft of the supplementary report will be submitted to our standing Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure. With that body's approval, a draft text will be sent to the principal parties in the case with invitation for correction and comments before the final version is published through posting on our website. The printed report is published in the annual *Bulletin of the AAUP*.

For your information, while the AAUP has been known for its investigations since our founding in 1915 and the imposition of censure and a resulting list date back to 1930, a "supplementary report on a censured administration" was published for the first time in 1980 (the subject was Troy State University). In the ensuing thirty-five years, we have imposed over a hundred censures, but there have been only six supplementary reports (the most recent subject being the Savannah College of Art and Design in 2012) and LSU thus will be the seventh.

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A second further step in the Buchanan case that has just been taken is a grant approved by the governing board of the AAUP Foundation's Academic Freedom Fund in support of litigating issues of academic freedom, tenure, and due process in the lawsuit that she has initiated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jordan E. Kurland". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jordan E. Kurland

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