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Scott S. Cowen
President of the University

August 8, 2006

Dr. Jordan E. Kurland
Associate General Secretary
American Association of University Professors
1012 Fourteenth Street, NW, Suite #500
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Dr. Kurland:

I will not be able to meet at the end of the month with the AAUP Special Committee on Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans universities. The Committee's visit to New Orleans coincides with the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina and the beginning of the Tulane semester, which causes a scheduling problem for me and other senior administrators at the university.

If we can find a mutually agreeable time in the future, I may meet with the Committee if we clearly define and agree upon, in advance, the purpose and scope of the meeting, including the topics and questions to be discussed. As you are aware, Tulane University, like all the other universities in the area, is singularly engaged and focused on its recovery in the wake of the worst natural disaster in the history of the U.S. Tulane's recovery is my single highest priority for the foreseeable future. I am certainly willing to work with persons equally committed to assisting us to achieve this goal in a collegial and fair manner.

If you would like to schedule a personal meeting in the future as I have described above and on a mutually agreeable date, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott S. Cowen".

Scott S. Cowen