

Office of the President

June 22, 2006

B. Robert Kreiser
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American Association of University Professors
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Dear Dr. Kreiser:

We have received your letter dated June 14, 2006. Comment on the FTFR report you reference would be inconsistent with University policy because FTFR proceedings are confidential unless all parties involved in a hearing agree otherwise. Furthermore, the report has not been vetted by all parties involved in the hearing. The administration will review and respond to the report in due course consistent with the procedures set forth in the university's Faculty Handbook. Those procedures then call for the Board of Tulane to decide any controverted issues.

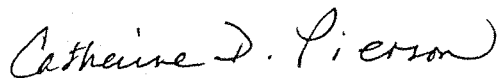
Further, we feel it is inappropriate for an outside organization to urge the administration to take actions that would short-circuit the procedures in the Faculty Handbook, a document approved by the Tulane faculty, administration and Board. We are surprised that you would ask us to follow a procedure in conflict with our own Faculty Handbook.

Finally, we once again question the ability of your organization to comprehend the trying circumstances this university has been through and continues to endure. People of good faith at Tulane are working to address the concerns of our faculty members, including following the procedures in the Faculty Handbook. Efforts by an external organization to publicize confidential documents produced pursuant to those procedures and to influence internal processes are counter-productive, as are suggestions that we rescind the very decisions that have enabled the university's survival and renewal.

Sincerely,



Scott S. Cowen
President



Catherine D. Pierson
Chair, Board of Tulane University