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## MEMORANDUM

To: AAUP members at University of New Orleans

- Professor Leszek Malkiski
- Professor Lorelie Cropley
- Professor Nancy Lincoln Easterlin
- Professor Ray Sweany
- Professor Basil G. Anex

From: Associate General Secretary Jordan E. Kurland

Subject: Potential removal of AAUP's censure

Date: February 7, 2011

As you know, the AAUP's Annual Meeting imposed censure on the UNO administration in 2007 following an investigation of the way faculty furloughs after Hurricane Katrina were handled. Subsequently the UNO administration accepted all of our recommendations for resolving individual furlough cases. There remained the problem of deficiencies in official UNO policies regarding layoffs as set forth in UNO's 2006 *Declaration of Financial Exigency*. Detailed proposals for rectification that we submitted to Chancellor Ryan and Provost Barton led to no action. With their departure, however, we resubmitted the proposals this past fall, and we can now happily report having been notified by Provost King that all of them are being adopted.

Our Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure this spring will accordingly be considering a recommendation to our 2011 Annual Meeting that the University of New Orleans be removed from the censure list. If you have any comments on the matter, I shall be pleased to receive them and share them with Committee A.