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Dear Chancellor Murdock, Chair Zucker, and Dr. Bloch:

We continue to watch developments regarding the future of Antioch College with keen interest, and have read the statement recently issued by the Antioch University's board of trustees reconfirming its June 30, 2007, decision to suspend the college's operations effective June 30, 2008. The recent decision has apparently sparked renewed efforts by the Antioch College Continuation Corporation (ACCC) to keep the college open with its current faculty carrying-out their teaching responsibilities. This office has not of course been a party to the discussions between the board of trustees and the ACCC, and therefore we are in no position to propose specific recommendations to help resolve the college's serious financial problems. In view, however, of Antioch College's historic importance in American higher education, and noting that the AAUP has long called on governing boards to consider all feasible alternatives to terminating faculty appointments when faced with dire financial problems, we urge the trustees to keep working with the ACCC to reach an agreement that will allow the college to continue its operations uninterrupted. We do not doubt that this is a daunting challenge, but one worth making every effort to overcome.

Sincerely,

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