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

In our letters to you of August 7 and September 19, we set forth our concerns arising from faculty complaints that the manner in which Antioch University had decided to declare financial exigency and determined to lay-off tenured faculty was inconsistent with widely accepted AAUP standards. Your decision not to respond substantively to our queries has heightened our concerns.

In our last letter of March 4, we urged the Antioch University trustees “to keep working with the ACCC [Antioch College Continuation Corporation] to reach an agreement that will allow the college to continue its operations uninterrupted.” We understand that the ACCC has since submitted to the trustees a draft letter of intent for its immediate consideration. We understand further that the university’s board of trustees is scheduled to meet this coming week to review the proposal and to formulate its response. We urge the trustees to give the utmost serious attention to the ACCC proposal with a view to reaching a decision that will permit the college to remain in operation beyond June 30.

We will be watching further developments closely, and hope to learn that an agreement has been reached that will ensure the college’s continuing and uninterrupted existence. Absent such an agreement, we shall determine our further course of action consistent with our established policies.

Sincerely,

Anita Levy, Ph.D.
Associate Secretary

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