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Mr. Arthur J. Zucker
Chair, Board of Trustees
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Dear Chancellor Murdock and Chair Zucker:

Thank you for your letter of last March 21 responding to ours of March 14 (copies enclosed for your convenience). We were tempted to respond at the time, but thought it best to await further developments in the negotiations which were then moving rapidly. Now, with issues remaining unresolved but with a less turbulent situation in the new academic year underway, members of our staff, with the general secretary participating, have once again turned our attention to Antioch. We have come to the view that the closing of Antioch College, whether it proves to be temporary or permanent, is an event the AAUP needs to address. We have agreed that our focus should be upon the governance issues raised by the university's closing of a core component of the institution and, indeed, its founding college. Among additional issues to be considered are the governance implications for the continuing institution, namely, whether, without the college, Antioch University will operate in accordance with basic principles of academic governance as enunciated in the enclosed *Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities*. As to Antioch College itself, we shall likely want to address the prospects of whether and in what form Antioch College will resume, and indeed, whether there was a realistic alternative to closing it when that was done.

In situations such as Antioch's that present developments of basic concern to the academic community, our experience has indicated that it is desirable, in fairness to the institutional administration, to the affected faculty members, and to the institution as a whole, to establish an *ad hoc* committee composed of persons who have had no previous involvement with the particular matter, to conduct its own full inquiry and prepare a report. The general secretary has accordingly authorized the appointment of such a committee, charging it with reporting to the Association's standing Committee on College and University Governance.

The following persons have accordingly been appointed to serve as the *ad hoc* committee charged with investigating the case of Antioch University and the closing of Antioch College:

Professor Diane C. Zannoni, *chair*
Department of Economics
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Professor Ronald G. Ehrenberg
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We shall welcome your cooperation and shall be back in touch with you when we have dates to propose for a committee visit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anita Levy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anita Levy, Ph.D.
Associate Secretary

Enclosures

cc: Dr. David Caruso, President, Antioch University New England
Dr. Barbara Gellman-Danley, President, Antioch University McGregor
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Dr. Michael Mulnix, President, Antioch University Santa Barbara
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