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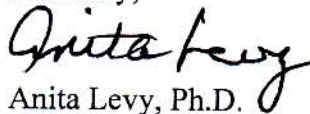
Mr. Frank T. Brogan
President
Florida Atlantic University
Administration Bldg., Room # 339
777 Glades Road
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Dear President Brogan:

This Association has been advised by individual faculty members of Florida Atlantic University and by the faculty union of the actions taken on May 29, 2009, to terminate the positions of five tenured faculty members in the College of Engineering and Computer Science on grounds of program reorganization. We are also aware that the university faculty senate unanimously voted on June 5 to approved motions "to oppose and declare null and void any academic reorganization of the College of Engineering and Computer Science until the reorganization is presented to the University Faculty Senate for its approval," and to "oppose the layoff of tenured faculty members in the College of Engineering and Computer Science." We understand that the fives cases are currently being adjudicated through the union's grievance procedure.

As you probably know, cases of involuntary termination of tenure are potentially of central concern to AAUP because of our longstanding commitment to academic freedom and due process. In these as in other such cases, our good offices are available to all involved parties for assistance in arriving at an appropriate resolution.

Sincerely,



Anita Levy, Ph.D.
Associate Secretary

cc: Professor Douglas Broadfield
Professor James Tracy
Professor Sharmila Vishwasrao