

June 15, 2005

Dr. Brad O'Hara
Vice President for Student and Public Affairs
SLU 10685
Hammond, LA 70402

Re: Request for Appeal

Dear Dr. O'Hara:

In receipt of the notice from the Administrative Hearing Board that has found me responsible for the alleged violations of Article IV, Section B, 1.c. and 16, I hereby exercise my right to an appeal of the decision and sanctions that were set forth by the Board. The reasons for an appeal are as follows:

- 1. Biased composition and actions of Administrative Hearing Board.**
 - a. The four board members were all paid faculty or staff of the university, and it did not consist of any students.**
 - b. The judicial officer, who should have acted in a neutral facilitating capacity, gave visible support to the faculty member who filed the complaint against me and her witnesses.**
 - c. Hostility was shown toward me and my counsel, who was accused of being "obstructionist" because he appropriately assisted in my defense.**
 - d. The Board refused to have an open hearing, which I requested, although my father was allowed to attend.**

- 2. Outcome was factually insupportable based on the following evidence:**
 - a. The notebook was purchased by me.**
 - b. The only provision for turning in the notebook to the university is when a student is deemed marginal; a determination to that effect must be made by mid semester.**
 - c. The status of my teaching was never identified/declared marginal as stated by the complainant's witnesses during the hearing. As such, the original journal, a copy of which was provided to the university, remains my personal property.**
 - d. The journal has no bearing on my grades as admitted by the complainant.**
 - e. All student teachers are not required to turn in the journal after completion of student teaching based on the statement/evidence of my witness, who kept hers and brought it to the hearing.**
 - f. If any journals are collected, they are discarded after one year per the complainant's own testimony.**

Since I am giving written notice of an appeal, I am entitled to a copy of the audiotape and transcript of the hearing that occurred on June 9, 2005. Therefore, I hereby request that such copies be made available immediately in order for me to pick them up from your office. Please call when they are ready.

Sincerely,

Cynthia M. Thompson

cc: Attorney Ronald L. Wilson
Milas S. Love IV