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To: Associate Professor Ronald Dear  
Chair, Faculty Senate

From: William P. Gerberding  
President

As you know, I have consistently opposed amendments to weaken student and staff representation on the hearing panels by increasing the size of the panels when students or staff are involved or by requiring a super-majority for conviction. I believe the amendments passed last week were unfortunate, but I also believe it is now time to move forward with all the other benefits of the new procedures for adjudication.

Because of those benefits, if the Faculty Senate passes the second reading of the "Proposed Revisions to Faculty Code Provisions Regarding Adjudications (Chapter 28)," I will sign this amendment of the Faculty Code.

Meanwhile, I congratulate you, Vice Chair John Junker, FCFA Chair John Stewart, former FCFA Chairs Tom Andrews and Charles Hirschman, and the dozens of other persons who have worked so hard over the last three years to shape this legislation. I doubt that anyone is entirely satisfied with it in its final form, but it is an acceptable compromise. In many ways it is a necessary and admirable piece of legislation that reflects well on multiple authors, on the Faculty Senate as an institution, and on the sense of fair play and civility that characterizes this distinguished faculty.

I join you in the hope that this legislation will now be readily passed by the FSEC and the Faculty Senate and will then be adopted by the faculty as a whole.

I trust that vigorous efforts will be made to secure the necessary quorums for action.

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