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Dean,

[Below] is a note from my colleagues in the Academic Freedom, Tenure, and Governance dept on the four cases you asked about. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance; I'll do my best.

--Cathy

Since 1915, the AAUP has been developing standards for sound academic practice. Each year, the AAUP receives thousands of questions about standards and complaints of departures from them. The staff provides advice, mediation, and, in extreme cases, may recommend a formal investigation. Investigations are carried out by appointed committees of faculty members.

Norman Finkelstein reached a settlement with DePaul University in September that includes his resignation and an acknowledgement by DePaul that he is “a prolific scholar and an outstanding teacher.” Finkelstein had been involved in a highly publicized tenure dispute with the university, which declined to grant him tenure in June. He was scheduled to teach a final year at the university until, in late August, his fall classes were canceled and he was barred from his office and placed on administrative leave. The AAUP had written to the administration on several occasions, objecting to the administrations’ refusal to afford him an opportunity to appeal the tenure decision and its cancellation of his classes. Once the settlement was reached, the Association’s involvement in the case came to an end.

Mehrene Larudee, also of DePaul University, is seeking to appeal her tenure denial, and Committee A staff, which has also written to the DePaul administration about her case, is consulting regularly with her and with the president of DePaul’s Faculty Council.

Committee A recently reviewed **Ward Churchill**’s case and concluded that there was nothing further to be said about it with respect to either procedural or substantive issues beyond the two statements issued in early 2005 when the case first came to light..

Adrienne Anderson submitted documentation of the circumstances surrounding her nonreappointment and was joined by the University of Colorado chapter and the Colorado

State Conference in requesting the national AAUP's intervention. However, while the record showed that public officials and others had found fault with her work, the appeal that Anderson filed with a faculty body did not result in a finding that her colleagues in the Environmental Studies program who recommended against her reappointment did so for reasons that violated her academic freedom. The Committee A staff thus could find no basis for pursuing the matter.