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Dr. Jordan E. Kurland
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Dear Dr. Kurland:

It is most kind of you to arrange the forthcoming meeting with Dr. Davis so that I might share with you some general and specific concerns regarding academic governance especially as I approach July, the time of my formal assumption of duties as President at Northern Michigan University.

You are, as you indicated, aware of the issues surrounding the McClelland affair. My major reason for seeking this meeting with you and staff members of the AAUP is to acquaint myself with your current thinking on the entire matter of academic governance so that I might be in a better position to generate some positive steps at Northern. It is my hope that I shall be able to involve the entire faculty in a discussion of these matters (as well as matters pertaining to the instructional and research programs) with the beginning of the new year.

The fact is that, because of the discussions pertaining to collective bargaining on the campus during the past months, I have met with several units of the faculty at their invitation. Finally, also at their invitation, I addressed the entire faculty on April 9. The major focus of my remarks was to outline some general principles of academic governance and the faculty role therein.

A copy of those remarks is enclosed so that you might have a preliminary notion of my point of view. Also enclosed are one or two other memoranda which relate to events of the past several months.

I am looking forward to meeting with you, Dr. Davis, and other members of your staff on May 14.

Sincerely yours,

John X. Jamrich
Associate Dean

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