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Steven Johnson, President and CEO  
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Dear President Johnson,

As to the merit or lack of merit of faculty collective bargaining, the SCCAAUP wishes only for a full and fair and fact-based discussion among the faculty and the administration. We have heard and fully expect to hear more from our faculty colleagues and from you and your administrative colleagues about faculty collective bargaining. As we see it, this is healthy and absolutely to be expected in an institution of higher education where ideas and cool-headed analysis are part and parcel of what we do for and with our students and each other.

We have received a report that an SCC assistant dean has been speaking individually with faculty and asking faculty to sign a petition that declares opposition to collective bargaining and/or the SCCAAUP and the ideas it has been airing. We don't seek to squelch speech but we do worry about the potential coercive context of an administrator pressing faculty to take one position or another.

We fully acknowledge that this report may be a rumor or that its facts may be wrong, no less so than the preposterous rumor that any SCCAAUP member is "getting paid by the AAUP." However, if there is some basis for the report that an administrator is soliciting faculty for a declaration of his or her opposition to the proposition of faculty collective bargaining, we ask that you see to it that this potentially coercive conduct is discontinued.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Susan Harris, on behalf of SCCAAUP