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To: Mark Emmert, Chancellor
Louisiana State University

From: Robert Tague, Associate Professor
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Re: petition on Policy Statement 109

Dear Chancellor Emmert,

Several colleagues and I distributed a petition to faculty at Louisiana State University in which we ask, "Should Chancellor Emmert rescind Policy Statement 109?" The initiative for this petition is derived from: (1) your willingness to discuss with faculty changes to Permanent Memorandum 35 (PM-35) and, by inference, PS-109, and (2) your imminent departure from LSU. The petition organizers would like to see you rescind PS-109 so that the faculty can "negotiate" anew with our next chancellor on the issue of ongoing review of faculty (that is, implementation of PM-35). Nevertheless, we wrote the petition so that faculty could express their opinion either for or against rescission of PS-109. We distributed approximately 1,500 petitions, and the results are as follows.

	<u>Signed petitions</u>	<u>Unsigned petitions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Rescind PS-109	298	21	319
Do not rescind PS-109	19	5	24

We emphasize that these results are of a petition, not a vote. We may have unknowingly failed to provide all faculty with a petition.

As a substantial number of faculty have expressed their interest in this issue by returning a petition, we ask that you send a broadcast e-mail message to faculty concerning your decision with regard to rescission or retention of PS-109. Thank you for considering this matter.

Finally, I feel a responsibility to shred/destroy these petitions after you have made your decision. I will be out-of-town doing research from May 22 to July 4. Can I pick up the petitions from your secretary after I return?

Sincerely,

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