

" Report of Committee A, 1966-67 "

Censure Removed

University of Illinois. The Annual Meeting in April, 1966, approved the following recommendation of Committee A:

That the Annual Meeting authorize Committee A to withdraw censure from the University of Illinois administration when Committee A is of the opinion that no substantial uncertainty remains regarding the application of tenure statutes and when it appears that the best adjustment obtainable has been achieved with regard to the professor involved in the original academic freedom issue.

In February, 1967, Committee A, acting pursuant to this resolution, decided to remove the censure from the administration of the University of Illinois.

The problem of the application of the revised tenure statutes to professors eligible for tenure under the new statutes was satisfactorily resolved. Of the 321 professors concerned, 309 were given indefinite tenure; 11 were continued on term appointments under special agreements; and one was not reappointed, a teacher whose courses had been discontinued. No complaints have been received from any of the 12 who were not given indefinite tenure.

So far as redress for the discharged professor is concerned, members of Committee A reached the conclusion that any further payment from the University of Illinois was impossible. In view, however, of the other salutary developments at the University of Illinois, Committee A reached the conclusion that it was desirable to lift the censure from the administration. This choice was made somewhat less difficult by the action of the Academic Freedom Fund in voting a measure of financial redress to the professor under the authority of the recently amended regulations governing that Fund.

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