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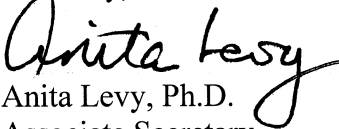
Dr. Henry T. Yang
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Dear Chancellor Yang:

We welcome the news that the UCSB administration has accepted the recommendation of the faculty investigating committee that no charges be brought against Professor William Robinson.

You will recall our having written to you on May 11 querying the initiation of potential disciplinary action in the matter, with its ramifications for fundamental principles of academic freedom, before engaging in further collegial discussion. We note that the Academic Senate has now authorized a study of how the matter was handled. Appreciating that UCSB, in the words of its vice chancellor for public affairs, "places great importance on the defense of academic freedom," we trust that the administration will cooperate fully with the senate as it proceeds with its study.

Sincerely,


Anita Levy, Ph.D.
Associate Secretary

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