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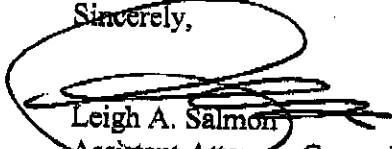
Re: Classified Employees' Voting Membership in University Senate
DOJ File No. 580-500-GL0010-08

Dear Ms. Grier:

You asked the Department of Justice to research whether granting voting membership in the University Senate to classified employees would violate any provision of the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Act. After researching the issue, the answer to your question is less than clear, but there are a number of risks associated with such inclusion. Those concerns are substantial enough that it is my advice that the Senate not include classified employees in the University Senate.

Should you have any questions or need additional advice, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


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