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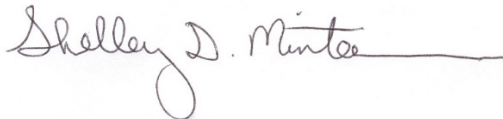
Dear Academic Senate,

I am writing this letter as the chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Faculty Rights. This letter is a report of our committee activities during the academic year 2015-2016.

The committee had one case to handle this year. The case was originally filed on May 22nd in regards to issues of academic freedom to pursue one's research. It was so complex and unusual that it required us to engage in fact-finding and allowing both parties to take the time they needed to provide information and respond to each others' complaints and allegations. We met four times (June, July, August, and November) to make a decision on the case and reported the decision to both parties and the Senate president in early December.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at minter@chem.utah.edu or (801)-587-8325.

Sincerely,



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