

Subject: Re: Suspension of teaching duties of T. Engel

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Dear Provost,

We are upset because of the shameful and embarrassing news that keeps coming from the engineering school. It has appeared in all the local newspapers and the Maneater. You know as well as we do that the issue with Professor Engel will cost the University hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not millions of dollars, in lost wages, squandered resources, and legal fees to defend an indefensible reckless administrative decision. All this over a student complaint!!! A competent chair handles complaints and diffuses problems for the university. How did this incompetent one turn a student complaint into a disastrous expense to the University? How many jobs have to be eliminated to generate enough savings to offset the losses from this foolish action alone? How can we justify axing programs and eliminating positions to supposedly save a few dollars to the University, when millions of dollars are wasted because of childish and egotistic behavior by this chair?

We are upset and I hope that you can see why. You said that business is not going to be as usual. The incompetence of the chair of electrical engineering has hit a record low. We urge you to act and stop the abuse of faculty by irresponsible administrators and stop the squandering of our University resources.

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