Yeshiva ruling and petition-signing stirs BU

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Many of the 3000 members of the United States academic community have signed petitions criticizing the Boston University (BU) administration of Dr. John Silber. These petitions, initiated by MIT professors Salvador Luria and Noran Chomsky, cite "attacks on the civil liberties" of both students and professors at BU, according to Luria and Chomsky.

Specific charges leveled by the petitions against the Silber administration include: 1) censorship of the student press and the university radio station; substantiated in a report released by the Civil Liberty Union of Massachusetts (CLUM); 2) unfair labor practices, according to the National Labor Relations Board; 3) the withholding of merit pay increases from the faculty members that Silber opposes, according to the BU Faculty Union; and 4) actions by Silber's administration to suspend or dismiss five tenured professors who demonstrated support for the BU clerical workers strike last fall.

The relations between President Silber and the BU faculty have been inimical for some time. The petition notes that none of the ten doctors who called for Silber's resignation are still at BU. The chronology of unpopular actions by the Silber administration, which accompanies the petition, adds the charge Silber denied tenure to an individual, despite an "overwhelming" vote of approval by his department, support by the dean of his department, and unanimous approval by two faculty review committees.

A similar petition circulated to local universities last fall has been signed by approximately 850 people thus far. The petition released locally calls for Silber's resignation, while the nationally circulated letter "questions the fitness of Silber to remain as president of BU. Both petitions call on the academic community to refuse cooperation with the BU administration until the charges against the five professors who supported the clerical workers strike are dropped.

BU Journalism professor Caryl Rivers, one of the five, said Friday that the professors and administration may complete a negotiated settlement agreeable to all parties "in the very near future." The professors have already met "a number of times" with administration representatives. Sam McCracken, assistant to President Silber, had no comment on the status of the negotiations.

Dealing between the BU administration and faculty may be affected by the Supreme Court ruling released last week, NLRB v. Yeshiva. The ruling was that faculty unions at private universities are not protected by Federal labor laws. The majority opinion states that faculty members have a special "managerial status" that removes them from coverage of the National Labor Relations Act. The court left open the question of whether all faculty members at all private universities are exempted from coverage of the act. BU's McCracken said that, while BU has not taken an official position on the Court's ruling, his opinion was that "the decision might be applied to our faculty as well."

Yeshiva faculty make recommendations to their administration on a variety of issues and "their recommendations are always followed. The would be the case here as well," McCracken said. He added that BU has its own case before the Supreme Court now, in which BU is trying to exempt department chairmen from the coverage of the NLRA. If Yeshiva instructions are management, then "our chairmen must be," he added. "Our experiences with this labor contract for the last six months have been that it institutionalizes confrontation in a way that you wouldn't believe," McCracken concluded.

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