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RESOLUTION OF THE FUERST CASE

Last December President Beckel and the Carleton University Academic Staff Association Association agreed to invite Mr. Martin Teplitsky, Q.C. to mediate in the dismissal proceedings against Professor Kurt Fuerst of the School of Social Work.

The Mediator's report, which was issued on February 1, provided a basis for further discussion among the parties and has led to the following agreement, effective immediately:

1. The proceedings against Professor Fuerst have been terminated without prejudice to either party and Professor Fuerst has been reinstated in the School of Social Work as a full-time tenured member of faculty.
2. Should the President decide to convene another hearing into the issue of Professor Fuerst's competence, he must do so by November 1, 1981, confine the question to Professor Fuerst's performance during the intervening period and place the case before Mr. Teplitsky, acting as Review Chairman under the University's tenure and dismissal procedure. Meanwhile, any dispute regarding the implementation of the agreement will also be submitted to Mr. Teplitsky, who shall have full power to act.
3. The University has undertaken to reimburse Professor Fuerst for two-thirds of the costs he incurred in the course of the hearings.
4. The two principals to the dismissal proceeding, and CUASA as a party to the mediation, have accepted the Mediator's report.

CUASA commends the President on this resolution of the dispute and welcomes Professor Fuerst on his return to full and active status at the University.

In keeping with an earlier decision by its Council, CUASA will, with some requested assistance from the Canadian Association of University Teachers, reimburse Professor Fuerst for any costs that are not otherwise covered.