

Gordon C. Cannon – University Ombudsman

Part 4

Question directed to Ombudsman Gordon Claude Cannon at his deposition on April 16, 2010 about his investigation of Professor DePree with the charge of recommending whether to terminate DePree's tenure and employment: Did you attempt to obtain any documentary evidence to substantiate any of the claims made [against Professor DePree], either within the letters [written by DePree's accusers] or over the course of the interviews?... there are a lot of allegations contained in those letters. Would you agree with that?

Cannon: A lot of allegations?

Question: In the letters that you reviewed from the faculty?

Cannon: Yes, yes, yes.

Question: Lots of them?

Cannon: Yes.

Question: Did you request any substantiation of those allegations from the faculty that you interviewed?

Cannon: Documentary, no.

If Dr. Cannon had asked for "substantiation of these allegations," he would have found that there was none. However, Dr. Cannon didn't seem to care whether there was any "substantiation". The allegations were enough for him.