



Office of the Provost

February 8, 2007

Dr. John Lewis
Assistant Professor of History and Political Science
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Ashland, Ohio 44805

Dear Dr. Lewis:

In response to your letter of January 29, 2007, please accept this letter as the Provost's summary of the reasons for denial of your application for tenure, as contemplated by Article VIII(G)(1) of the Faculty Rules and Regulations

After reviewing the process and recommendations from the appropriate committees and individuals, the Board of Trustees voted to deny your application for promotion because it was concluded there has been a lack of support on your part for the University's Mission Statement. As you know, support of the University's mission is a term of every faculty member's annual contract and expressly required in the Faculty Rules and Regulations as well. Specifically, concern was expressed at all levels of the process about writings, submitted by you as part of your scholarly activities in support of your application, that advocate for Objectivist views that are hostile to the University's mission.

I hope that this summary is helpful as you reflect on the University's decision. Please contact me if you would like to discuss any of this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. Robert C. Suggs".

Robert C Suggs
Provost