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COURTS SUPPORTS AAUP; DENIES ADMINISTRATION PETITION

PONTIAC, MICH. – Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Edward Sosnick refused to grant the immediate injunction that would have forced professors to halt their protest. Judge Sosnick instead ordered both parties to appear before him tomorrow at 10AM.

OU administrators will need to show just cause, or their request may be dismissed.

Joel Russell, president of the AAUP at Oakland, announced the court's action in the midst of a student and faculty rally in front of OU's administration building. It was greeted with cheering and drumming from over 300 supporters.

Vice President of the AAUP, Karen Miller, thanked the students for their support of the faculty. "It has been so heartening to see so much support from our students. They have energized us."

Today's decision allows faculty to maintain their protest against unfair labor practices. This protest has received substantial support from spokespersons representing universities across the country.

Last week the AAUP at Oakland University filed an unfair labor practice charge with the Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC) that cited the administrators of Oakland University for a number of violations. A decision on AAUP's filing is still pending.

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