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Mr. Robert L. Shibley
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Dear Mr. Shibley,

I am writing in response to your letter dated August 18, 2005 to me and Professor Charles Tokey, Chairman of the Brooklyn College Faculty Council. The concern about academic freedom at Brooklyn College expressed in that letter is based on an incorrect premise regarding Professor Robert David Johnson and is therefore misguided. The Constitution of the Faculty Council has never undertaken any inquiry into, or any investigation of Professor Johnson. Nor has any other body of Brooklyn College taken any action against Professor Johnson. In sum, Professor Johnson's consitutionally protected expression of his opinions of course, and his dispositions thereof, has not been subject to any administrative review or investigation, and thus there is no basis for your assertion that his right to academic freedom [illegible] what he has occasion to [illegible] issue. As I sute you would agree, such a debate is exactly what academic freedom, as well as freedom of speech and of the press, is intended to protect.

Truly yours,

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