

Letter to Jacob Lowenberg, November 22, 1955: CU-9.21

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FACULTY FUND Committee on Financial Assistance School of Social Welfare Building T-1 University of California Berkeley 4, California November 22, 1955 Professor Jacob Loewenberg Department of Philosophy Columbia University New York 27, New York Dear Professor Loewenberg:

I have received your letter of November 19th and the signed form. Thank you for the promptness with which you replied to my letter and for sending back form as you have amended it. It is most satisfactory.

May I repeat, however, as I tried to explain in my letter of November 15, that the Trustees of the Faculty Fund have done nothing in the past and will do nothing in the future about the matter of attorney fees in the law suit. This is a matter which is strictly between the attorney and his client, and the Trustees have participated in no negotiations in the past nor do they intend to in the future about this matter.

May I also point out that the part of the form which you struck out is the part in which the Trustees are trying to say that if any litigant, after paying expenses and his attorney's fees from his final settlement, finds that his net recovery is less than the amount he received from the Faculty Fund and therefore he has suffered an out-of-pocket loss, he may ask the Trustees to deduct the amount of this out-of-pocket loss from the amount he owes the Fund. It is the purpose of the Trustees, in setting up the formula for settlement with the Fund, to help the litigant avoid out-of-pocket losses. Needless to say, even though you have stricken this particular clause from the form, the formula will still apply to you during the happy period which we all hope will be very soon, when the law suits have been settled in favor of the litigants and we are engaged in what we all hope will be the pleasant task of winding up the affairs of the Faculty Committee on Financial Assistance.

I shall bring your letter to the attention of the Trustees at our next meeting. They join me, I'm sure, in wishing you the very best of health and a happy holiday season.

Sincerely yours Milton Chernin, Chairman Faculty Committee on Financial Assistance MC:CI