

mentioned might be able to push for readmission without the dept having to acknowledge any wrong doing. (You probably have thought of this, but I don't remember it from our earlier discussion). It would be even better if you had a faculty member who would agree to be a supervisor of your dissertation. I think you said that your original advisor was no longer in the dept. What happened to him/her?

A last thought, which surely you have considered but I feel obliged to raise for completeness: Have you applied to other schools in the area (say USC) to pursue the degree or certificate you wanted from UCLA?

Anyway, these are my most positive thoughts on reaching a favorable outcome for you. But to be clear, I am not willing to form a committee with you and some other faculty you might round up in order to launch a move to reinstate you. I regard this as hopeless, because a random collection of faculty (however distinguished) has no status within the university power structure. No one would be obliged to pay any attention to us.



Sincerely,

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