CAU and its Affiliate Jazz 91.9 WCLK Support Academic Freedom but do not Support Content of Memo Authored by Faculty on Atlanta Mayoral Race

ATLANTA (September 1, 2009) -- Two members of Clark Atlanta University’s faculty, William Boone and Keith Jennings, have claimed authorship of a memo that contains their political views and opinions regarding aspects of Atlanta’s mayoral race.

Boone and Jennings have stated that they authored the memo as private citizens affiliated with the Black Leadership Forum.

Clark Atlanta University always supports the right of faculty and students to academic freedom as well as the right to free and individual expression, and we will continue to uphold our role in protecting that right. However, the memo authored by Boone and Jennings in no way represents the views and opinions of Clark Atlanta University’s faculty, administration, staff, students or Board of Trustees.

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