



CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

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Again, we are asking you to return an information card concerning possible faculty openings. This information is destined for the ultimate use of MACTLAC members who are being forced to leave their MACTLAC positions because of faculty reductions or tenure limitations. Last year, the response to this appeal continued to be very positive. About eighty percent of the schools responded and over thirty positions of varying degrees of permanence were identified. The availability of information generated by your returns was better known to job-seeking members and many fruitful contacts were made.

Thus, again, I ask you to cooperate in this survey by filling in the information requested on the enclosed card and returning it to me. Should you have openings develop later in the year which were not indicated on the card returned earlier, just drop me a line with the new information. Individuals requesting the list will be asked to return a form to me. In that way, I will be able to respond to telephone inquiries from departments (not individuals seeking an immediate listing of available MACTLAC faculty members. This seems to be especially useful late in the spring.

Repeating the policy positions which continue to guide this service: (1) With the terrific employment pressures on our younger, untenured faculty these days, it is felt that we should take whatever steps we can, even though they be modest ones, to expand the professional comradeship that MACTLAC has provided for so long into a response to what we all hope will not be a permanent employment crisis. (2) Your department and college, of course, are not being asked for any favored consideration or treatment of MACTLAC candidates. The object of this return card is simply to gather

information. (3) The cards will be returned to me and used by me for a single purpose: preparation of a list of MACTLAC institutions which have openings. Distribution of this list will be to, and only to, MACTLAC members (defined as faculty at schools having MACTLAC members, irrespective of the dues status of individuals) who request such a list. I will be personally responsible for seeing that your responses are used only in this fashion. (4) Individuals using the service will be asked to return a confidential form (copy enclosed) to me. These forms will be filed and faculty-seeking departments can call me for information on available MACTLAC candidates. This as part of the service has proven particularly useful to departments who have late authorizations or resignations.

Sincerely yours,



Quentin R. Petersen
Professor & Chairman

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Enclosures

P.S. This will be the final year I will serve as Coordinator of the Placement Service. Starting in the 1978-1979 academic year, the coordinator will be:

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I hope you will pass this word along to make the transition next year easier for jobseekers.