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Dr. Janine E. Janosky
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Re: Manouchehri Affidavit

Dear Dr. Janosky:

Enclosed for the first investigation committee's records is the original Affidavit, previously included as a copy, from Dr. Manouchehri. Please incorporate this into the committee's report.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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(Attachment 1.)

6. Dr. Cobb's e-mail also stated he is unaware of a set of standards within the mathematics education community holding materials used while under development are held to the same citation standards as published materials. (Attachment 1.)

7. Further, Dr. Cobb's e-mail states he is unaware of any widely understood and broadly accepted standards for the citation of materials that are under development using a teaching experiment methodology. (Attachment 1.)

8. I also received an e-mail correspondence from Dr. Patricio Herbst, Associate Professor of Mathematics Education at the University of Michigan School of Education, dated April 9, 2008. (Attachment 2.)

9. In Dr. Herbst's e-mail, he stated it is not commonly accepted or understood that a researcher must appropriately cite all materials if the materials were not being published. Specifically, Dr. Herbst stated that materials need not be cited if they are an in-house matter. (Attachment 2.)

10. On April 9, 2008, I received an e-mail communication from Dr. Ken Smith, Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Sam Houston State University. (Attachment 3.)

11. Dr. Smith's e-mail states that he informed the investigation committee there were no standards of citation during the teaching experiment, specifically for citation of materials used in the classroom as part of the pilot projects. (Attachment 3.)

12. Dr. Smith's e-mail also states that, during the teaching experiment, the goal was to find tasks, exercises, and projects that stimulated the students to think and explore. (Attachment 3.)

13. Dr. Smith's e-mail further states he and Dr. Lapp's entire emphasis was on creativity, exploration, and finding materials that worked. Dr. Smith's e-mail also states there was never any discussion amongst the Concept Team about citing other people's materials, indicating it would be futile to cite another individual's materials when the idea may not be included in the final report. (Attachment 3.)

14. Furthermore, Dr. Smith's e-mail indicates that in his 23 years as a faculty member at Central Michigan University, he is unable to recall the University ever providing directed guidance on citation of materials under development. (Attachment 3.)

15. Finally, Dr. Smith's e-mail indicates he informed the investigation committee that he strongly advised they interview the advisory committee, and interview members of the Concept project advisory committee, as they were also involved in the discussion and creation of classroom materials. (Attachment 3.)

16. Dr. Diana Erchick, Associate Professor at The Ohio State University, sent me an e-mail dated April 10, 2008. (Attachment 4.)

17. Dr. Erchick's e-mail states she is unaware of specific standards holding draft materials need to be fully cited or that draft materials are held to the same citation standards as published materials. (Attachment 4.)

18. Dr. Beatriz D'Ambrosio, Professor of Mathematics Education in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Miami University of Ohio, sent me an e-mail communication dated April 10, 2008. Dr. D'Ambrosio is a prominent member of the

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and is on the editorial panel of three international journals, including the Editorial Panel of the Journal of Research for Mathematics Education. (Attachment 5.)

19. Dr. D'Ambrosio's e-mail stated she is offering her professional prospective regarding the following points. (Attachment 5.)

20. Dr. D'Ambrosio stated there is a common academic community standard that published materials must be appropriately cited. (Attachment 5.)

21. Dr. D'Ambrosio's e-mail stated she is unaware of any comparable standards or set standards within the mathematic education community respecting whether materials that are under development are held to the same citation standards as published materials. Specifically, Dr. D'Ambrosio stated this situation applies to a researcher involved in research curriculum development projects and using problems found in multiple sources when engaging with students or research subjects, when a researcher/teacher uses materials available in printed sources in a class room, collecting research data involving the students' reactions to the materials, or when a teacher uses problems available in printed literature to enhance the learning experience of the students. (Attachment 5.)

22. Dr. D'Ambrosio's e-mail further states there is a tradition in mathematics education of using problems with students in research, and that very few problem can be considered original. (Attachment 5.)

23. Dr. D'Ambrosio's e-mail stated the issue of identifying sources will only become relevant for print and published materials. (Attachment 5.)

24. Dr. D'Ambrosio's e-mail stated materials used in a pilot program should not be considered finalized or released to the public as a finalized product because

the pilot materials are being used to assist the researcher in gaining incite to the quality of the materials and its coherence with the overall project. (Attachment 5.)

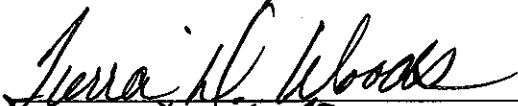
25. Dr. D'Ambrosio further states materials used in a pilot program are tentatively being used and are often modified or eliminated from the final collection of materials. (Attachment 5.)

26. During my employment with Central Michigan University, I never received guidance containing the proper procedure regarding the citation or non-citation of draft materials.

27. Further Affiant sayeth not.


Azita Manouchehri

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 11 day of April, 2008


Terra D. Woods, Notary Public
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