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Re: My letter of June 9, 2006

Dear Dean Jamieson:

Please allow this to serve as a supplement to my letter to you dated June 9, 2006. As I have reflected on this matter, it occurred to me that you should have a copy of the memorandum to the Examination Committee which sets forth their "charge." To that end, I have enclosed a copy of Dr. Peter E. Dunn's April 17, 2006 memorandum to Dr. Byron Pipes, Dr. Dale Compton and Dr. Ronald Reifenberger.

I also thought that the Inquiry Committee that you will ultimately appoint should know that after I received the report of the Examination Committee, I posed the following question to the members of that committee:

In order to follow University policies, it is necessary to clarify whether the committee is referencing research misconduct or academic misconduct. The report reads as if research misconduct is meant. If that is the case, would you agree to replace the term "academic misconduct" with "research misconduct" throughout the document?

Dr. Pipes responded to my inquiry as follows:

My sense is that both academic and research misconduct are suggested by the report, although only a more in depth investigation will reveal the extent of research misconduct and/or academic misconduct of the individuals involved. Perhaps the term "academic and/or research misconduct" should replace all references to misconduct in the report.

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Dr. Compton stated:

I believe the report refers to both research and academic possible misconduct. Question 3 refers to actions that relate to the research but involve possible actions that affect relationships among colleagues. I would have classified this as possible academic misconduct. I (sic) am incorrect in this understanding. (sic) If so I have no objection to the changes.
If I am correct, I believe that we may need to clarify this distinction in the report.

Dr. Reifenberger noted:

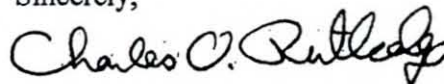
I generally agree with Dale's comments expressed in his email, I'm just not sure how to define academic misconduct? I checked C-22 and I could not find it defined while "research misconduct" is defined. So the question is whether there is a prior written definition of "academic misconduct" that can be applied?

Based on the input from each of the members of the Examination Committee, I concluded that the Examination Committee's use of the term "academic misconduct" was meant to indicate that there may be more than possible "research misconduct" at issue and that the report of the Examination Committee should not be amended to change "academic misconduct" to "research misconduct" or "academic and/or research misconduct".

I suggest that the Inquiry Committee interview the members of the Examination Committee to seek further clarification.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Dr. Peter E. Dunn's April 17, 2006 memorandum to Dr. Byron Pipes,
Dr. Dale Compton and Dr. Ronald Reifenberger

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