

## Re: Public Notice of Hearings on the Appeal of Dr. Sabina Burton

Brian W Peckham <peckham@uwplatt.edu>

Wed 5/17/2017 2:28 PM

To: Sabina Burton <sabinaburton@live.com>;

Dear Dr. Burton:

The statement that I supplied to the Platteville Journal, under any reasonable interpretation, does not in any way imply that I have come to any conclusion on the merits of the case or that I am convinced that you "should get fired." It simply states that the Appeals Commission will be conducting a hearing to assess the chancellor's judgment in this regard.

I am sorry that my good friend and former colleague, Dr. Elizabeth Alcalay, misunderstood my remarks to her husband. As I recall, in response to Eugene's general questions about cases of this sort, I replied that if the parties were in agreement on the facts (which it is now clear they are not), then it would be our job to recommend the appropriate administrative response, which could be an action other than dismissal.

Brian Peckham

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**From:** Sabina Burton <sabinaburton@live.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:45:25 PM

**To:** Brian W Peckham

**Cc:** Kara Amouyal; Roger Burton

**Subject:** Re: Public Notice of Hearings on the Appeal of Dr. Sabina Burton

Dr. Peckham,

We need to slow down and follow the Ch. 4 proceedings. Your wording suggests you have already come to a conclusion in this matter:

"I am providing public notice that the hearing on the appeal of Dr. Sabina Burton from the order of Chancellor Dennis Shields of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville of 30 March 2017 dismissing her for cause from her tenured faculty position."

You seem to be already convinced that I should get fired. You made a similar statement to Eugene Alcalay last week. His wife Elizabeth called my husband very concerned for me with 'bad news' saying that Brian Peckham told her husband that 'the facts of the case are clear' or words of that matter. I didn't want to believe it at first as I have always held you in great respect but now I have to urge that you excuse yourself from the hearing panel and that the panel is formed in accordance with policy.

Thank you,

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Please forward to Ms. Lattis and Mr. Vaughan as well as the other members of the Appeal's Committee.

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**From:** Brian W Peckham <peckham@uwplatt.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 1:06 PM  
**To:** editor@theplattevillejournal.com  
**Cc:** Brian Vaughan; Jennifer Lattis; Sabina Burton; Kara Amouyal; Laura J Anderson  
**Subject:** Public Notice of Hearings on the Appeal of Dr. Sabina Burton

Mr. Steve Prestegard  
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I would appreciate it if you could please publish the following legal notice in the next issue of The Platteville Journal:

Pursuant to the relevant sections of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law, Wis. Stat. s.19.84 (2017) and UWS 4.05(1)(a) I am providing public notice that the hearing on the appeal of Dr. Sabina Burton from the order of Chancellor Dennis Shields of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville of 30 March 2017 dismissing her for cause from her tenured faculty position at that institution will be heard by a special panel of the university's Appeals Commission on 25-26 May 2017 in the University Rooms, Markee Student Center, UW-Platteville.

Proceedings will be conducted from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (with suitable interruptions for recesses) on May 25th. The panel will recess until May 26th and proceed until the conclusion of the taking of evidence and argument.

As requested by the Appellant under UWS 4.06(1)(a), the hearing will be held in open session.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Brian Peckham, Chair, Hearing Panel (Burton Case), Appeals Commission