

Fwd: press conference

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Subject: Re: press conference

Tom,

Thank you for outlining your position in detail.

Concerning your statements: "I'm not aware that the CJ Department approved a cyber security program or the development of one." and "You are advertising in press releases and websites that the department and university are supportive of what you are doing. That is in error."

You officially endorsed the April 2012 NSF proposal titled "Institutionalizing Cyber Education" that clearly outlines the plans for a cyber-security program at UW-Platteville's Criminal Justice Program.

The proposal was also signed off by the LAE Dean's office. Kathy Lomax and Bob Roberts were a driving force in creating the proposal. Bob also put me in touch with the DOJ and they are very interested in seeing a cyber-security program developed here. I have talked to and consulted with Rob Hasker (CompScience), Dean Hudson (Engineering), Todd Carothers (Accounting) and Travis Nelson (Pol Sci) multiple times. All were listed on the NSF proposal. In your email to me you state that the FI program "had the overwhelming support of the department" which was not the case. I know that Dr. Cheryl Fuller and Dr. Susan Hilal did not fully support it. Also I doubt, as you say, that "all were involved in every step of the process." This would be a logistical nightmare. I am doing everything necessary to keep principle parties informed of my progress and intentions. I did not write the offending press release but I cc'd everyone who might need to see it before it was published.

I worked long hours yesterday and today. I did not write the press-release. It was sent to me yesterday afternoon and I added the location for the ceremony as requested. Again, I did not write the press release.

I approached AT&T with my original NSF proposal that you, the Dean's office and the school signed off on for the purpose of gaining a grant. Did you ever read the proposal? In their peer review NSF reported that their reason for not funding the proposal titled "Institutionalizing Cyber Education" was that NSF does not fund curriculum development. So last summer I pursued other avenues of funding especially since I thought I had your support, the Dean's support and the school's support as indicated on the NSF proposal.

My websites, journalofcybersecurity.com and journalofcriminaljustice.com were created in support of the proposal and clearly indicated that we are looking for funding to create the curriculum. The wording on the websites mirrored the wording in the proposal. I understand that you don't want the UW-Platteville name on the websites so I have removed all reference to UW-Platteville. The url addresses to the websites were included in the original NSF proposal so you had a chance to review them when the proposal was first submitted and you have had since April 2012 to tell me if you found anything in the sites offensive. Your original response was very positive so what has changed? Is your shift in

attitude because of the way I handled the October student complaint? The websites did not indicate that there exists a program at UW-Platteville but that I propose to build such a curriculum and they inform readers that we are seeking funding for the program as spelled out in the NSF proposal that you signed.

I truly feel developing a cyber-security program would benefit our department, our school and our region. The tone of your letter indicates that you don't support it, or me, anymore. I have received mixed signals from you in this regard. I have worked on cyber-security curriculum plans, teaching tools etc. without pay. I direct student undergraduate research without getting paid for it. I do this for our students and for UW-Platteville. I have devoted my own time and efforts in developing a curriculum to share with the department and in order to help gain funding for the school. How do my efforts deserve the kind of harsh criticism you sent me?

So tell me what you want me to do. I am ready to tell AT&T to give their money to a different school if that is what you want. This donation does not benefit me financially and actually creates extra unpaid work for me that I am willing to do for the benefit of our great school and students. If you are withdrawing your support please do so in writing so I know what to tell AT&T about this check presentation. If you have withdrawn your support for the course development we should not accept the grant.

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Sabina:

Plesae see attached letter. It brings to light some of the issues about the events of next Monday and other concerns.

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