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**Re: research methods**

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Wed, Oct 17, 2012 12:09 PM

**Subject :** Re: research methods**To :** Thomas E Caywood <caywood@uwplatt.edu>**Cc :** Elizabeth A Throop <throope@uwplatt.edu>

Tom,

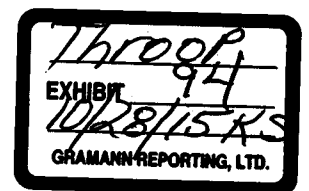
Alexandra approached me after my Wed. afternoon class at around 4:30 pm. After talking to her I checked to see if you were still in but you already left. I sent an email to Liz Throop at 5:01 pm in response to the grant proposal message that I got from her. I added toward the end that a student reported an incident with a faculty member to me, that I intended to report that to you, the chair, and if that was all I had to do. Liz emailed back that I should also refer the student to student affairs. This made sense to me as the sexual harassment training that I have received at my previous job mandated that in sexual harassment incidents involving faculty/staff & student we always had to get a student representative involved as well.

I talked to Aric Dutelle after 5:29 pm the same day. I wanted to talk to a friend as I was deeply concerned about the incident. It didn't make sense to me at all.

Next day I saw you first thing, talked to you in office 1166. You seemed surprised and shocked about the news. I'm very sure that I mentioned to you I would see student affairs next. I had no intentions of talking to anyone behind your back and was sure you wanted me to do the right thing.

I did not talk to Lorne. Frankly I didn't want to nor did I think it was my responsibility or necessary. When I was in the police academy a police instructor hit on me when I delivered something to his office. I was very upset then, felt vulnerable, and not taken seriously as a cadet. I reported the event to someone else but it was dismissed and not taken seriously. I can tell you it had an emotional impact on me. Whenever that instructor was around I was nervous and uncomfortable, even though he never made advances again. I never shot well when he was at the range and I'm sure my evals were lower because of the event. I can relate to Alexandra's discomfort.

I hope Lorne will understand that his poorly conducted "experiment" put me in a very uncomfortable situation. I feel used. I wish Alexandra hadn't come to me. She wouldn't have if Lorne had conducted his experiment professionally. I don't need and didn't ask for this stress in my life and in my working relationships. Perhaps you should ask Lorne to talk to me. It would be nice to get an apology from the highly



trained and qualified person whose lack of attention to detail and control of a poorly conceived and executed "experiment" has caused you to question my professionalism in this matter. It was Lorne's actions that started this mess, not mine. Until this event I had the highest regard and respect for Lorne and an apology will go a long way to restoring my respect for him. I would also like to know why Lorne did not obtain the required permissions for conducting experiments of this nature. Those permissions are required to protect people like Alexandra and myself from collateral damage such as we are now experiencing. This has strained my professional relationship with Lorne and has made you question my ability to handle these situations in the future. I acted in a professional manner in this experience and given similar circumstances in the future would do the same thing again.

I am ccing Dean Throop with my response.

Respectfully,

Sabina Burton

----- Original Message -----

From: "Thomas E Caywood" <caywood@uwplatt.edu>

To: "Sabina Burton" <burtons@uwplatt.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 8:42:23 AM

Subject: research methods

Would like a time line concerning Lorne's research class. What time did A. Zupec first contact you? Was it by phone or in person?

What time did you call Aric?

At what time did you notify the dean and possibly others about the note?

At any time did you contact or attempt Lorne to ask about the note?

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