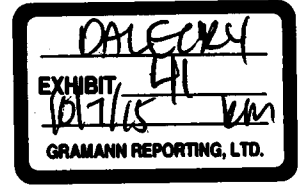


Defamation



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Dr. Dalecki,

Did you tell Dean Throop that I cancelled my classes on Friday, Dec. 12, 2014? There is indication that you were the person who made this false allegation. If it was you, then:

1. Why didn't you talk to me first?
2. Why didn't you show me, one of your senior faculty members, the courtesy of asking me if I had cancelled class?
3. Why didn't you correct Dean Throop's allegation that I cancelled class? You saw me coming back from class that Friday. In fact you seemed so surprised to see me that you said "Good morning," something you had not done for several months. You also saw me at least one more time that day walking with a student by your open office (I remember you looking up from your desk) and later at the CJ reception desk around 1 pm.

If it wasn't you who falsely reported me then:

1. Why did you not correct Dean Throop on her accusatory email of Tuesday, Dec. 16? You were cc'd on the email.
2. Why did you not investigate this slander against one of your senior faculty members?

The allegation that I cancelled class was defamatory.

Defamation is a criminal act according to Wisconsin State Law: <http://kellywarnerlaw.com/wisconsin-defamation-laws/> *"Defamation in Wisconsin constitutes anything that directs hate, ridicule, contempt, degradation, disgrace or degradation to a person or business. According to Wisconsin State statutes, defamation, slander, and libel are considered a criminal offense — a Class A Misdemeanor – punishable by a fine of no more than \$10,000 and/or 9 months in prison for someone who intentionally communicates any defamatory statement to a third party without the permission of the defamed party."*

Deb Rice maliciously told department members and students that I am mentally ill, that I resent East Germans and that I would be leaving UW-Platteville soon. That is slander which is also against Wisconsin state law (see above). When you were informed by HR Director John Lohmann about Deb Rice's illegal acts you did not attempt to repair the damage to my reputation or demand that she apologize to me. Instead you harassed and intimidated a student who you believed had informed me of Rice's statements. You had the audacity to

demand that the student apologize to Deb Rice. Please explain.

I will not let this go. My reputation is very important to me. I stand for integrity. I will not accept these smear campaigns against my reputation. The relentless harassment and abuse I have suffered at UW-Platteville has caused my severe health problems. I heard that you questioned the severity of my health condition in front of others. Is this true?

Respectfully,

Dr. Sabina Burton

cc:
Chancellor Shields
Asst. Chancellor DeCoste
HR Director Lohmann
Dean Throop
Ms. Rice
my private account