

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a 2017 graduate from the University of Wisconsin – Platteville where I was a student in Ms. Sabina Burton's "Seminar" class during the Fall of 2016.

I would like to personally verify that the issues and controversies that happened and are happening within the Criminal Justice department at the University of Wisconsin – Platteville were not brought up under Dr. Burton's preference.

The various issues that were going on within our criminal justice department at the university were not even mentioned in our seminar class until I personally asked Dr. Burton about them. The reasoning behind my bringing it up in class was due to the administration emailing the students saying that there were problems, and then retracting their own email saying to disregard and they did not want to talk about it. The original email the administration had sent out an email to the criminal justice students explained how they were going to have a meeting to disclose the situations within the department to the students that night. A few hours later, they sent another email canceling the meeting and essentially telling us all to completely disregard the previous email and its contents.

In class the next day, I personally asked Dr. Burton about the meeting that was supposed to happen. I wanted to know why it was canceled, and what was going on in our department. The only reason that I asked Dr. Burton specifically, was due to the fact that I only had one class on campus that semester, as I was away for an internship the other four week days. I did not have any other classes at that time and Dr. Burton was the only professor I felt comfortable talking to and asking. Dr. Burton very professionally answered my question by explaining to us that they had to cancel for their own reasons, and if we wanted to ask her more questions, we could on our own time.

Other than that instance, Dr. Burton never made it aware to the class that she was having any problems within the administration. I can personally say that I had absolutely zero idea anything was happening with her specifically until the articles were written via Watchdog. If it were not for Watchdog and the emails sent out by the Criminal Justice department, I would not have even known there were any problems.

I would like to personally vouch for Dr. Burton's professionalism and credibility because I witnessed it myself during an entire semester of being a student in her class, as well as personally talking to her throughout my time at the University of Wisconsin Platteville.

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