
From: Lawrence Krauss [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 12:20 AM
To: jeffrey E.; nancy dahl
Subject: Fwd: board statement..

FYI

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Rachel Bronson [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Tempe Workshop
Date: February 26, 2018 at 3:52:31 PM PST
To: Lawrence Krauss - Gmail <[REDACTED]>

I can use this as the basis for my response. Once you send over your note, I can send you a draft of my response based on this one.

Rachel

From: Lawrence Krauss [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 4:43 PM
To: Rachel Bronson <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Tempe workshop

what I would like you to say is something to the effect that you reluctantly accept my request to be put on leave as Chair of the Board of Sponsors until this current uproar dies down and the various organizations investigating the facts have reached their conclusions. That the board lauds my impeccable professionalism during my time.. (or whatever the words were).. that you appreciate my contributions, and that in all the time I have been on the board there has never been a complaint from anyone, quite the opposite, that you therefore know of no incidents, and on the basis of the Bulletin's experience, you have been given no independent reason to believe that there are any. You hope that this will be resolved, and I can end my voluntary leave and once again return to the board and continue the important work we have been doing together.

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On Feb 26, 2018, at 3:31 PM, Rachel Bronson [REDACTED] wrote:

I am happy to say we know of no incident, nor had any reason to believe there would be one.

From: Lawrence Krauss [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 1:29 PM
To: Rachel Bronson [REDACTED]
Cc: Lawrence Krauss - Gmail [REDACTED] <mailto:[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Tempe workshop

damn.. ok.. sigh, that is in a way disappointing. Sounds like a similar rant that ASU had received months earlier.. Well, we cannot use that in a case against buzzfeed I guess. It wasn't Virginia Hughes from Buzzfeed then...

LMK

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On Feb 26, 2018, at 3:26 PM, Rachel Bronson [REDACTED]
<mailto:[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi,
It wasn't Buzzfeed that contacted me, but I received an email from a woman who ranted about the Bulletin having you on the Board and sent me a excel spread sheet of harassers claiming you were on it. It wasn't Buzzfeed, but it seemed part of a whisper campaign that I found very inappropriate.

Rachel

From: Lawrence Krauss [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 1:58 PM
To: Rachel Bronson [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Tempe workshop

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Lawrence Krauss = [REDACTED] <mailto:[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Tempe workshop
Date: February 26, 2018 at 10:59:32 AM PST
To: Keith Porter = [REDACTED]
<mailto:kporter@stanleyfoundation.org>
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Dear Keith:

I am very concerned by your letter, indicating your actions and requests, a number of which seem both inappropriate and unprofessional. I understand your shock and concern upon seeing the BuzzFeed story but I believe your response was inappropriate for a number of reasons. Let me outline them:

1. In December BuzzFeed contacted my University and me with almost everything that was in the story. I provided counter-evidence including information from ASU and ANU, another University I am affiliated with that investigated the Australia allegation. As a result of this I received a note from BuzzFeed that they were not publishing the story. BuzzFeed continued to pester my institution for information, but as there was none, and as essentially the entire story is false (the counter-evidence we provided is not included in the story) there was no expectation that a story would appear. I had in fact related my concerns about BuzzFeed to Rachel Bronson in November, which prepared her for the slanderous call she received from them shortly after making false claims and asking why she allowed me to be associated with the bulletin. She understood that the allegations were false and had been dealt with. Moreover, a lawyer who I had contracted because of concerns about BuzzFeed had prepared and sent a cease and desist letter to them to stop their harassment. We had no expectation that they would publish false stories after being informed that they were false, and for all of these reasons it would have been inappropriate to bring this personal matter up to you or your organization at the time.

2. I am very disappointed that you decided to send a letter to all participants about this without consulting me or my staff. This was unprofessional as well as being discourteous to both me, my Origins colleagues, the ASU Origins Project itself, and all of the workshop participants. What you have effectively done is to propagate what we believe was slander to a broader audience, and without any substantiation was extremely inappropriate for you to do in the context of your position as a representative of the Stanley Foundation, independent of any personal anger you may felt. It would have been appropriate to consult us first. It is unprofessional to respond personally in the heat of anger, and any decision about this should have waited till calmer heads prevailed.

3. Your reaction regarding the workshop is also of some concern here. Allegation, and indeed allegation by BuzzFeed of all places, is just that. There should not only be a resumption of innocence but you should note that all organizations that have looked at these claims, including ASU and the Origins Project, have dismissed them. ASU was aware of all the allegations and chose to take no action because there was no evidence. I am saddened that you, on behalf of your organization acted so rashly as to email participants, and now want to remove Stanley's name from an event that everyone involved felt was professional and wonderful and had nothing at all to do with the BuzzFeed story. You are essentially impugning the Origins Project and ASU because of your concerns about me, valid or not. And for your information, I have never been accused or found in violation of sexual harassment regulations

by any organization with which I have been associated. I have not been 'banned' from universities or institutes, as I informed the BuzzFeed reporter along with documentary evidence. I have never groped, assaulted, or harassed anyone.

It is too late to completely undo some of what has been done, but I would request two things.

(a) First, that you write the participants a letter of apology indicating that your original email was sent before the matter was discussed to me and the Origins team. That I have reported to you that not only are the accusations false, but that ASU had been aware of them and had dismissed them. And that you have been informed that BuzzFeed had been informed of this, along with counter-evidence provided to them, prior to publication and in December had indicated they were not going ahead with publication. For this reason, this issue was not discussed with you prior to the meeting.

(b) That you reconsider your requests regarding the workshop. We would certainly be willing to remove my video of you personally, but your other requests are inappropriate. And as we said earlier, we would never use any video of any participant at the workshop without their explicit permission.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Krauss

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On Feb 26, 2018, at 7:26 AM, Keith Porter [REDACTED]
<mailto:[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Melia,

The accusations against Lawrence have caused us considerable distress (no doubt you are in the same boat). I am particularly concerned that, according to the BuzzFeed article, Lawrence was aware of the pending story since at least December yet did not alert us that the story was coming.

This failure to disclose is unprofessional and, as I am informing you now, forces us to sever all ties with Lawrence. By extension this means we need to sever ties with the ASU Origins project until the problem is resolved. I am cc'ing Lawrence on this message (along with the relevant Stanley Foundation staff).

I have sent an email to all participants in the Tempe event letting them know that we were unaware of these accusations.

Further, I request that you do not publish any video from the Tempe workshop or the Perry event. If you proceed with publishing video from either, I ask that you remove all references to the Stanley Foundation in any form, remove the faces and comments from all Stanley Foundation staff (including my intro at the Perry event), and blur out the Stanley Foundation logo anytime it appears on screen.

I also recommend that you seek specific consent from all participants in the Tempe workshop before publishing their images or comments in video or other form.

I deeply regret this turn of events, and I hope you understand our position.

Thanks

Keith

Keith Porter

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The Stanley Foundation

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