
From: Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 2:32 PM
To: jeffrey E.
Subject: Re: CLARIFICATION: response to your email

So should I send this? Please let me know ASAP.

Director, The Origins Project at ASU
Foundation Professor
School of Earth & Space Exploration and Physics Department Arizona State University, P.O. Box 871404,
Tempe, AZ 85287-404 Assistant (Jessica): [REDACTED]
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Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 13, 2018, at 9:27 PM, Lawrence Krauss <
JEE: HERE IS MY PROPOSED EMAIL.. GOING to NEIL TUROK. Comments welcome

[REDACTED]
Dear Neil and Michael:

Attached is a copy of some correspondence from Buzzfeed, which has followed over six months of correspondence, following on a claim that two universities I am affiliated with had previously shown to be false. Buzzfeed produced 5 false allegations off the web which I subsequently demonstrated to be false, in an attempt to suggest a history of sexual harassment by me.

Following that Buzzfeed searched for other defamatory examples, and through someone at Perimeter received the following claim.

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—At the Perimeter Institute's "Quantum to Cosmos" Festival in October 2009, a woman made a formal complaint of sexual harassment against you. The institute immediately removed you from the premises and banned you from ever coming back.

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After I disputed this claim, they came back with the following claim= which they said was on the record by someone from Perimeter:

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In October of 2009, you went to Waterloo, Ontario, to be a guest speaker at the Quantum to Cosmos Festival<=/> at the Perimeter Institute. <=div>
<<http://www.perimeterinstitute.ca/video-library/collection/quantum-cosmos-festival-2009?page=2>>

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You were immediately removed from the premises and banned from ever coming back.

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= disputed this, and included an email from you, Neil as a demonstration that it was false (I redacted the information that was not relevant to them):</=iv>

Begin forwarded message:

From: Neil Turok <nturok@perimeterinstitute.ca>

Subject: Holden XXX

Date: <=span class="" style="font-family: -webkit-system-font, "Helvetica Neue", Helvetica, sans-serif;">March 31, 2011 at 9:30:26 AM MST

To:

Dear Larry,

I hope you're doing very well. It was nice to have you at PI for the Q2C Festival and I do hope you'll be able to visit again soon.

I'm writing in regard to Holden XXX, who I have been working with recently ...

With my best wishes,

Neil

Subsequent to that, BuzzFeed came back with the following:

Thank you for sending the email from Neil Turok. We have raised this with the Perimeter Institute, which has clarified its position, as follows:

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During the event, a sexual harassment complaint was filed with the administration against you.

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In 2012, as part of a formal review of its internal policies, the institute made a decision that you would not be invited to return.

As you can see, the original claim by BuzzFeed, which they claimed was verified 'on the record' by Perimeter, was false. I believe this final claim is false, and I would like confirmation from you. It may be a fine point, but I believe it is important. Originally Michael informed me immediately after the event that there was a complaint of inappropriate communication with one of the staff, something I indicated then and reiterate now, I am not aware of at all, but be that as it may, he informed me at the time by email that with no further communication with that person, the matter was closed. Several years later I was invited to give another public lecture but your outreach coordinator later rescinded the invitation, although I was reimbursed for that. As you are aware, I subsequently discussed this with Neil in Vancouver in that year, and inquired about exactly what it was all about, and informed him that either a formal procedure to resolve any issue in which I could participate and respond might be appropriate, or the matter should be dropped. Neil said he would explore the matter, and neither he, nor anyone else, ever contacted me following that. I have never been informed of anything like BuzzFeed has claimed. Indeed I have been invited back to Perimeter for scientific meetings by various colleagues in the intervening years.

I am very concerned by this claim because, for obvious reasons. First, the original Perimeter source provided false and defamatory information to BuzzFeed, changing a story only after I provided counter-evidence. Second, as you are aware Perimeter has never contacted me about any such proviso in the interim. The only document I ever received was in 2009 from Michael assuring me the matter was closed, whatever it was. I would find it highly irregular if any formal procedure took place with such an outcome without my knowledge or without any due process, and without subsequently informing me.

I expect the correct statement, if there is one, is that there was a complaint from someone at Perimeter about inappropriate communication at the final party or while being driven back to the hotel after it (for all I know it may have been about religious issues), and that 3 years later a decision was made by the outreach coordinator, perhaps in collaboration with others, not to invite me back at that time for a public lecture.

Last, it could be of course that BuzzFeed has reiterated statements from Perimeter staff, but if a member of your staff made the original false allegation to BuzzFeed (violating confidentiality in the process I expect) I would like you to at least be aware of this and act accordingly.

Thanks very much for your prompt and immediate attention to this request.

Lawrence Krauss

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In 2012, as part of a formal review of its internal policies, the institute made a decision that you would not be invited to return.

If you wish to further comment on or clarify any of these points, please get in touch with us by tomorrow (Weds).

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

On 2/12/18 8:20 AM, Lawrence Krauss wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

[REDACTED] From: "Neil Turok" <[REDACTED]>
<[REDACTED]>
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With my best wishes,
Neil

On Feb 9, 2018, at 3:04 PM, Lawrence Krauss <

Oh yes, definitely and demonstrably.. I dispute everything except the first bullet point, with substantial evidentiary email communication... so you had better alert whoever went on the record at the perimeter institute about the consequences of making false allegations.

LMK

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On Feb 9, 2018, at 12:44 PM, Peter Aldhous
<peter.aldhous@uzzfeed.com <mailto:pe=er.aldhous@buzzfeed.com> > wrote:

Dr. Krauss:

To clarify, we plan to publish each of the following statements, which have all been confirmed on the record by the Perimeter Institute:

- * In October of 2009, you went to Waterloo, Ontario, to be a guest speaker at the Quantum to Cosmos Festival <<http://www.perimeterinstitute.ca/video-library/collection/quantum-cosmos-festival-2009?page=2>> at the Perimeter Institute.
- * During the event, a sexual harassment complaint was filed against you.
- * You were immediately removed from the premises and banned from ever coming back.
- * The institute would not provide more details to respect the complainant's privacy.

Do you dispute any of these statements?<=div>

If you'd like to further clarify your position on these statements, please contact me before 12 noon Pacific on Saturday, Feb 10.


Peter Aldhous

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 wrote:

Peter:

Got your phone call yesterday shortly before I finished a lecture and then headed to the airport to return home late last night, as I had indicated in my last email. I am responding below to your issues, which are yet again false and/or misleading. I cannot keep doing this. I have told you repeatedly that there

is no basis for a story here. I and others have responded to false allegations, but you and your colleagues have continued to barrage me, my family, and my colleagues with a series of false allegations and innuendo for the past 6 months. So it seem= you have decided to produce some kind of defamatory story, independent of evidence to the contrary, and you are asking me to help you do your work to write it. I don't know w=at else to say. I ask you again to stop this harassment, and not write a story based on false and misleading defamatory allegations to justify some foregone conclusion that might defame me and/or other individuals or groups, and in the process can hurt genuine efforts by many of us to address important issues, from encouraging diversity in STEM education around the world, to fighting ideological efforts that endorse sexism, racism, homophobia or attempt to suppress free speech and free thought.

LMK

On Feb 5, 2018, at 9:48 AM, Peter Aldhous

[REDACTED] wrote:

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Since our=earlier correspondence, further incidents have come to our attention. I =99ve outlined the details below and would very much like to include your re=ponse to each in our story.

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I am not m=de aware of any formal complaint of sexual harassment against me at Perimeter, which would have resulted in either formal proceedings or letters or emails to me. I did attend the "Quantum to Cosm=s" Festival for several days and was never 'removed from the premises'. After I left I received thanks and further assistance from the staff. Nor was I banned from returning to Perimeter. I have maintained a collegial relationship with various colleagues there who have invited me to return on several occasions. <=p>

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