
From: Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, August 4, 2018 12:27 AM
To: Justin Dillon; Courtney Forrest
Cc: nancy dahl; Lawrence Krauss
Subject: Fwd: Request for comment: ASU determination in incident at Australian conference in November 2016

Importance: High

If this is really a letter to the complainant then doesn't this violate confidentiality? I assume he really meant respondent here, and mistyped.. but anyway, should I write to the Provost with these two letters and ask how the university could do this? Who did it? and point out that it shows biases the investigation..? This is a pretty serious breach of confidentiality.. a gross violation of my rights.. What to do now?

Begin forwarded message:

From: Peter Aldhous <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Request for comment: ASU determination in incident at Australian conference in November 2016
Date: August 3, 2018 at 11:44:15 PM GMT
To: Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]>, Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]>
Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Prof Krauss,

We understand that Arizona State University has found that you were in breach of its policy ACD 401 (Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation) over the incident on November 26, 2016.

A letter sent to the complainant on July 31, 2016, by University Provost Mark Searle, states:

"I accept the finding of OEI (Office of Equity and Inclusion) that Respondent did grab the right breast of the woman in the photograph based on the consistent information provided by the female involved in the incident, two guests at the gala reception and dinner who actually witnessed the incident as it occurred from a distance of 20 feet and 10 to 15 feet, and two other guests who did not witness the incident but who were individually told about the incident."

With regard to your explanation that you raised your hand to shield your eyes from camera flash, the latter states "I do not find that explanation persuasive against the weight of the evidence from the other witness statements."

The letter states that ASU provided funding for our attendance at the meeting concerned though an in-country airfare and per diem reimbursements. It does on to say that your conduct "created an offensive environment for academic pursuits by the unnamed female attendee as well as other conference attendees."

It concludes: "Responsive action will be taken to prevent a recurrence of this conduct."

Furthermore, the complainant has told us that she requests an apology from you, and for you to withdraw your comments, made to BuzzFeed News and in your 9-page statement, that her original complaint was "fabricated with malicious intent."

If you have any comments on these developments, please do contact me by email or phone.

Sincerely,

Peter Aldhous

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