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From: Earl Ehrhart
Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2016 11:44 AM
To: Julie Kerlin
Cc: 'Steve W. Wrigley'
Subject: RE: Student Inquiry - Georgia State

I will have the email from GSU telling this young man GSU was beginning their own investigation shortly. This is nothing short of harassment and abuse.

I know the simple standard of "Innocent until proven guilty" is tough for these title ix thugs, but I am not going to stand for such tactics. They almost cost this innocent young man his life with an attempted suicide, and I am going to pursue these thugs until I run them out of the Georgia University system.

Please pursue these allegations I am making vigorously

Earl

From: Julie Kerlin [mailto:jkerlin1@gsu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2016 10:54 AM
To: Earl E
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Yes his family was told last minute he could not attend because of ongoing investigation
Check your title ix office.

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Thomas Carlton Lewis

From: Ehrhart, Earl <Earl.Ehrhart@house.ga.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2016 11:05 AM
To: Thomas Carlton Lewis
Subject: FW: Your request

From: Earl Ehrhart
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 9:35 AM
To: Ehrhart, Earl
Subject: RE: Your request

Thank you Tom

From: Ehrhart, Earl [mailto:Earl.Ehrhart@house.ga.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:46 PM
To: Earl Ehrhart
Subject: FW: Your request

From: Thomas Carlton Lewis [mailto:tomlewis@gsu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 10:15 AM
To: Ehrhart, Earl
Cc: Kerry Heyward; Thomas Carlton Lewis
Subject: Your request

Mr. Chairman:
Below is what our Legal Affairs team came up with regarding your request. As you can tell they had some difficulty. Please advise as to how we should proceed after you have reviewed this.

Thanks

Tom

From: Kerry Heyward
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 5:15 PM
To: Thomas Carlton Lewis <tomlewis@gsu.edu>

Tom,

I have given some thought to the question of how much it costs the university to comply with federal agency guidelines (not federal regulations). I recalled a study that was conducted by Vanderbilt University a couple of years ago that attempted to estimate the time and money spent by universities complying with federal regulations. The report can be found here https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2015/10/19/regulatory-compliance/ As you'll see, universities are subject to regulations that span financial aid, athletics, employment, campus safety, etc. Research universities, like Georgia State,

are subject to an additional level of compliance governing research activities (fiscal regulations, human subjects, animals subjects, etc.).

Regarding agency guidance documents, these are generally issued in relation to existing federal regulations, although arguably go beyond the regulatory language. Since there is some link between the guidance documents and federal regulations, separating the cost of complying with the guidance document from the underlying regulation is very difficult. As mentioned above, the university is subject to countless regulations. If there were a specific area of compliance we could focus on, we might be better able to analyze the incremental cost that such guidance documents impose. An area of compliance that has seen significant discussion with regard to federal regulations and agency guidance is Title IX and sexual violence. Not only are we subject to Title IX, but the Dear Colleague letters that have been issued, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act and its Campus Sexual Violence Act provision and the Clery Act. We have a mix of regulations and guidance which impose compliance issues, so separating out the cost of complying with a particular regulation or guidance is a challenge, especially if we are looking broadly across all the areas with which the university is responsible for complying.

I wish I could provide you a more straightforward answer, but hopefully this helps explain why the question is difficult.

Thanks!
Kerry

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