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To: Investigation Committee Members
From: Dr. Victor L. Lechtenberg, Interim Provost
Dr. Leah Jamieson, Dean of Engineering
Dr. David Williams, Chair of Faculty Affairs Committee, University Senate
Re: Investigation Committee Charge in the Matter of Dr. Rusi Taleyarkhan
Date: November 1, 2007
Copy to: Dr. Rusi P. Taleyarkhan, Dr. Peter E. Dunn, William P. Kealey, Esq.



Thank you for agreeing to serve on the Investigation Committee which has been appointed under Purdue University's Executive Memorandum No. C-22, Policy on Integrity in Research to address allegations of research misconduct against Dr. Rusi P. Taleyarkhan. Your committee will conduct an investigation into certain allegations of research misconduct detailed in the Inquiry Committee report dated August 27, 2007, which accompanies this Memorandum.

Dr. Peter E. Dunn, Purdue's Research Integrity Officer, will provide administrative support for your committee. Purdue has assigned attorney William P. Kealey of the law firm of Stuart & Branigin LLP to serve as legal counsel to your committee.

A copy of C-22 is enclosed for your reference. Your committee has neither the responsibility nor the authority to consider any question except whether Dr. Taleyarkhan has engaged in "research misconduct." C-22 defines "research misconduct" as follows:

"Research misconduct" shall mean, for the purposes of this policy, fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, or other practices that seriously deviate from those that are commonly accepted within the scientific and academic community for proposing, conducting, or reporting research. It does not include honest error or honest differences in interpretations or judgments of data.

Your committee's work ends with your determination whether research misconduct has occurred; any evaluation and determination of sanctions will be the responsibility of others.

Your committee must conduct itself in accordance with the provisions of C-22 which are applicable to the investigation phase. Your committee will receive advice from Dr. Dunn and Mr. Kealey on procedures for witness testimony and deliberations. You will have discretion to make logistical arrangements that you deem appropriate. You should not communicate with third-parties about your work. Your committee chairman is responsible for contact as necessary with Purdue regarding your investigation.

C-22 directs that the Investigation Committee make a written report of the results of the investigation and deliver that report to Dr. Taleyarkhan, Dr. Leah Jamieson, Dean of Engineering, Dr. David Williams, Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee of the University Senate, and Provost. That report will also be delivered to the Office of Naval Research, due to DARPA's sponsorship relationship with Dr. Taleyarkhan. Purdue and ONR have jointly set a deadline of March 14, 2008 for completion of your committee's report.

On behalf of Purdue University, we thank you for your willingness to assist us in addressing this important matter.

Enclosures