

following the review of all relevant information, Purdue's investigation into this matter followed the institution's usual and reasonable procedures, and was prompt, thorough, and objective." Immediately after the board adjourned, the ONR IG prepared and forwarded the board's decision memorandum along with the investigative report to the ONR Executive Director (ED) for concurrence or non-concurrence and final determination of activity action. ONR's ED issued concurrence with the board's determination on 17 July 2008. On 17 July 2008, ONR IG notified Purdue University of the STIB disposition and ED concurrence. With the notification, the ONR IG advised Purdue University that the case would remain open until advised that appropriate corrective action has been taken to prevent further occurrences of this nature.

- On 27 August 2008, Purdue University notified Dr. Taleyarkhan that he was being sanctioned for a period of three years (enclosure (1)). Specifically, Provost William R. Woodson wrote,

"In my judgment as Purdue's chief academic officer, it is inappropriate for a faculty member who has been found guilty of research misconduct to hold the title of a Named University Professor. Therefore, I am removing the designation of Arden L. Bement, Jr., Professor of Nuclear Engineering from your title as of this date. All rights and privileges associated with this distinction, including the allocation of discretionary resources, are hereby withdrawn." He continues, "For a minimum of three (3) years from the date of this letter, your status as a member of Purdue University's Graduate Faculty will be limited to that of 'Special Graduate Faculty.' You will be permitted to serve on graduate committees but will not be able to serve as a major professor or co-major professor for graduate students during this time. During this period, your mentoring of graduate students will be monitored and reviewed. At the end of the initial three year period, your Graduate Faculty status will be reviewed by the Head of Nuclear Engineering, Dean of Engineering, and Provost." Finally, he closes with, "...you should consider this letter itself as a formal reprimand for your conduct, and a copy will [sic] placed in your University personnel file."<sup>16</sup>

- On 15 September 2008, the National Science Foundation awarded Purdue a grant that listed Dr. Taleyarkhan as the secondary recipient. The grant included working with students of all ages from high school to graduate school. Concerned that this grant was contrary to the spirit of the sanctions, the ONR IG asked the Purdue Research Integrity Officer, Dr. Peter Dunn, for clarification. The reply:

"The budget for this award included support for two graduate research assistants who would work to satisfy project goals. Purdue's Provost instructed Sponsored Program Services to establish an account for the new award in the University's financial system and to lock this account pending development and approval of a written staffing plan for the project that is consistent with the sanctions imposed on Prof. Taleyarkhan. Prof.

<sup>16</sup> Purdue's sanctions against Dr. Taleyarkhan announced on 27 August 2008, Enclosure (15)