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To: Nuclear Engineering Faculty

I was out of town earlier this week so I did not see Tuesday's Journal and Courier until today. Now that I've seen it I have to express amazement and dismay that our faculty would contribute to such a pointless story. This is a difficult time for all of us and we all certainly hope for a timely resolution of the formal research misconduct allegations that are being reviewed. However, this story wasn't about research misconduct. It was about infighting. As such, it has no place in the public domain or in the public press.

Purdue's School of Nuclear Engineering, Purdue's College of Engineering, and Purdue University have nothing to gain and much to lose by augmenting the research misconduct stories with stories of personal differences, accusations of bias or favoritism, speculations about promotion and tenure cases, and speculations about why some faculty departed.

For my part, I have continued to express my support for the School of Nuclear Engineering and have continually reaffirmed the importance of Nuclear Engineering to the College of Engineering. I have authorized searches for new faculty. For your part, I expect you and speak as professionals who have the best interests of your School, College, and University in mind. Public statements of internal dissent are unprofessional and unfitting for employees of Purdue university. I expect better.

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