

Adams, Holly

From: Miller, Joan
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 3:16 PM
To: Adams, Holly
Subject: FW: Request for extension

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From: Adams, Holly
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 11:16
To: 'Dunn, Peter E.'
Cc: Rutledge, Charles O.; Miller, Joan
Subject: RE: Request for extension

Dear Dr. Dunn,

Thank you for providing an update. The answer is "yes" in response to your request for deadline extension to August 27, 2007.

I would like to clarify, though, that a preliminary inquiry is to determine whether or not an investigation is warranted. You may want to reconsider extending the inquiry and, instead, initiate an investigation. Please let me know if you decide to modify your approach.

Again, thank you for your continued attention to this matter,

Holly Adams

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From: Dunn, Peter E. [mailto:pedunn@purdue.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2007 3:47 PM
To: Adams, Holly
Cc: Rutledge, Charles O.
Subject: Request for extension
Importance: High

Dear Ms. Adams:

On March 29, 2007, ONR delivered a set of research misconduct allegations to Purdue for inquiry under ONR's policy, which specifies that the initial inquiry be completed within 90 days. That deadline is presently June 27, 2007. The purpose of this letter is to request an extension to August 27, 2007.

Purdue makes this request reluctantly. Purdue shares ONR's goal of concluding this inquiry with focus and dispatch. However, several factors distinguish the current inquiry from more ordinary course research misconduct inquiries.

The allegations forwarded by ONR appear to span not just the 2005-06 DARPA grant administered through UCLA, but also much other research. The threshold task of determining specifically how the allegations tie to ONR and DARPA funding has itself been challenging.

As you know from our previous correspondence, several of the allegations are ambiguous. Because the allegations are also anonymous, it is impossible for Purdue to approach the

complainant(s) for clarification. Because the allegations are also strictly confidential, Purdue cannot circulate them to witnesses for comment and clarification.

In turn, the process of obtaining information and responses from Dr. Taleyarkhan has been delayed while Purdue attempts to bring clarity to the allegations. We see a threat to due process if the current June 27 deadline is given higher priority than adequate notice to him of the specific allegations.

Purdue has also encountered resistance from several witnesses identified by ONR. Some persons who may have evidence have yet to fully cooperate with Purdue. Also, new evidence and information has come to Purdue as recently as May 24, and more is likely to arrive in the coming weeks.

Purdue has recently decided to send an investigator to interview Drs. Suslick, Putterman and Naranjo. Adequate time is needed to ensure that those interviews can be arranged and the results included in the inquiry process.

In response to Purdue's letters to witnesses, as well as Purdue's May 10 open call for witness evidence, Purdue has also received more allegations against Dr. Taleyarkhan. Those additional allegations have been included in Purdue's current inquiry alongside the allegations forwarded by ONR. Purdue believes that it is most efficient and fair to address all of those allegations against Dr. Taleyarkhan in a single inquiry, rather than addressing the ONR allegations on a different timetable from other potentially overlapping allegations.

The inquiry committee is presently meeting every Monday morning for several hours. As you may know from public media coverage, the committee includes an out-of-state member who travels to Purdue each week for this purpose. The committee members are also spending considerable "offline" time each week on this task. We do not believe it is feasible to obtain much more time from these individuals. We also do not wish to force them to rush their work, given the need for appropriate deliberation.

Thank you for considering this request. We would welcome the opportunity to address any questions or concerns.

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