

Subject: Re: Response from the Administration, MBA Oversight

From: David Fox - To: Timor Saffary - Date: April 14, 2016 at 10:28 AM

Thank you for that clarification, Dr. Saffary.

Now Prof. Asea told me yesterday that he has 100% discretion in preparing exams, grading these exams, and grading the courses itself.

In fact, he named you as the person who had explicitly given him this authority.

From my discussions with PhD holders who teach at American universities (i.e. universities in the United States), the Dean of Academics would intervene on behalf of students in a case of reverse grade inflation (grade deflation?) or unfair testing/grading practices of a faculty member. If ever there was a case of reverse grade inflation and unfair testing/grading practices at a university, it is at AUAF's MBA program.

As the Provost, that would seem to be your role, to oversee the academics of both the undergrad and graduate programs.

On the QMB 501 mid-term, 39% of students failed, 25% of students received a D, and the class average was 57% (an F). No re-take was offered despite re-takes offered in nearly identical situations in semesters past.

I am asking for the intervention of the senior administration in this situation.

We are looking at a scenario now where - if we have similar final exam results - a third of the class will be halted in their tracks with an F in the class. *OR* some type of curve will be implemented, which will almost certainly not be explained to students (Prof. Asea has never explained his grade curving/adjusting practices in past semesters).

Please let me know what course of action the office of the university Provost and President will take here.

Thank you in advance.

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On April 14, 2016 at 10:09:32 AM, Timor Saffary (tsaffary@auaf.edu.af) wrote:

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Dear David,

I have never heard the expression "Carte Blanche" in connection with AUAF faculty and staff. The reporting structure for all employees of our university as well as rights and responsibilities of all members of the wider AUAF community are well-defined, in particular those of faculty, staff and students.

Warm regards,

Timor

On Wed, Apr 13, 2016 at 9:40 PM, David Fox <dfox.mba@auaf.edu.af> wrote:

Hello Dr. English, Dr. Saffary,

I wanted to ask if there was any official response from the main administration regarding my emails requesting oversight of the MBA program.

You have asked for feedback on the program, and I have duly provided it.

Now my question is, is it true that Dr. Patrick Asea has been given *carte blanche* to do as he

pleases in the MBA program, and is accountable to no one?

A response in writing would be lovely.

Best,

David

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