

Subject: Re: AUAF, Expulsion of Students and Transparency Issues

From: David Fox - To: David Sedney - Date: April 3, 2017 at 4:42 PM

Hello pres. Sedney,

Again, please provide a published copy of the MBA policies that you refer to (and the date/location it was provided to me or any other MBA student).

I would also like to make a note that after coming to the campus this afternoon to drop off this official document from the Government of Afghanistan, your security officials escorted me off campus (I had clearly communicated with your security officials what I was there for and had called your assistant to explain the purpose of my visit) and had me push my motorcycle about 100 yards out the gate.

More importantly, according to your own security official (Steven Klost) you made clear that no AUAF staff or security officials were allowed to receive any letter of any kind, regardless of the fact that it was an official document from the Afghan Government.

While I have become quite accustomed to these little indignities from AUAF senior administrators, I would still like to make a digital documentation of what happened.

The original copy of the letter is with me at my office in Pul-e-Sorkh. I am happy to provide the full address if one of your staff would like to pick it up and verify its authenticity.

Sincerely,

David

On Mon, Apr 3, 2017 at 3:51 PM, David Sedney <dsedney@auaf.edu.af> wrote:

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Mr. Fox,

We have received your e-mail and will review it. As we have repeatedly informed you, we have handled your case in accordance with AUAF policies governing the MBA program. We wish you success in your future endeavors.

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On Apr 3, 2017, at 15:22, David Fox <david@amr.af> wrote:

Hello all,

I have patiently waited a week with no response.

Therefore, I have gone ahead and launched a case with Afghan Ministry of Higher

Education. The attached document is an official inquiry from prof. Mohammad Amir Kamawal, Director of Private Universities & Higher Education. It requires a response after one week. If there is no response from AUAF, the ministry will launch an investigation.

I am personally going now to deliver this letter to president Sedney's desk.

I don't know how you thought you could expel a student over passing grades, on account of an unpublished academic policy, and insert grades into transcripts months after courses have ended and the discredited professor who issued the grade has been fired, but this issue will never go away until I receive a detailed response explaining your decisions.

Sincerely,

David Fox

On Mon, Mar 27, 2017 at 10:07 AM, David Fox <david@amr.af> wrote:

Hello president Sedney,

I was surprised and disappointed to learn that AUAF disabled my student email account on 16 March, while I continued to wait for an official response from the university on two grading issues that contributed to my expulsion from the MBA program.

Prior to taking more concerted action to address misconduct and mismanagement AUAF, I was hoping to get an official response from the university on these two grading disputes. After sending four reminder emails related to the inexplicable addition of a missing grade in my transcript [1], as well as failed attempts to contact prof. Monger and yourself by phone yesterday, I have decided to take the action of drafting this email.

I have spent two and half years working towards this MBA degree from AUAF, suffered as a result of a mentally unwell MBA program director (Patrick Asea), and spent over \$10,000 dollars in tuition fees. After all this, I was expelled after a semester where I passed all my classes with a B+ average.

Moreover, I am advocating now not only on my own behalf, but also on the behalf of countless former classmates who have been victimized by this program. A yet unspecified number of Afghan MBA students have been pushed out of this program under dubious circumstances, damaging their careers as well as damaging AUAF's own reputation and prospects for financial sustainability. I think this issue is relevant to USAID, the US Embassy, the Office of the President of Afghanistan, and the Ministry of Higher Education, as well as the Afghan and American general publics.

I want to be fair here, and I will give the AUAF administration the opportunity to answer the below-listed questions. Any letters of complaint submitted to the relevant institutions within the US and Afghan Governments, or op-eds published online, will keep your responses in mind.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

1.) Was a print or digital copy of a student guidebook or handbook ever distributed to students that clearly outlined the MBA program's academic policies? If yes, please provide a record of when it was provided to me, David Fox. I ask because I have no email record and no recollection of ever receiving any print or digital student guidebook or handbook from AUAF for the MBA program.

2.) How many MBA students (particularly 2nd year MBA students entering their final

semester) have been expelled as a result of AUAF's (possibly unpublished) academic policies?

3.) What did current MBA director Rod Monger mean by suggesting that I "do the needful" with prof. Colleen Foster with regards to the MGT 500 grading dispute [2]? Does this imply that some kind of personal lobbying is encouraged at AUAF to affect outcomes in grading or receive special treatment?

4.) Why was there no response from provost Saffary or any other AUAF officials upon formally submitting numerous complaints (5 total) of harassment and misconduct against former MBA director Patrick Asea [3][4][5][6][7]?

5.) On what basis has the AUAF administration determined that a C+ in a class can - in some circumstances - be grounds for expulsion? Is this policy conforming to top MBA programs in the United States? Please cite comparable examples.

6.) Does AUAF have a policy for carefully reviewing all Cs issued to students, since this grade can, in some circumstances, lead to expulsion from the program?

7.) Why has current MBA director Rod Monger warned students against organizing and choosing a representative [8]?

Sincerely,

David Fox

[1] Email, "AUAF, Email, Reminders, Asea QMB 500 Grade"

[2] Email, "AUAF, Email, MGT 500, Do the Needful"

[3] Email, "AUAF, Email, Patrick Harassment Complaint"

[4] Email, "AUAF, Email, Extended Exchange with Patrick"

[5] Email, "AUAF, Email, MBA Constructive Criticism"

[6] Email, "AUAF, Email, Review of Patrick Grading"

[7] Email, "AUAF, Email, MBA Program Petition"

[8] Email, "AUAF, Email, Monger, No Class Representatives"



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<AUAF, Letter of Inquiry from MoHE (David Fox Case).jpg>

