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AUTHORIZATION LETTER FROM VICE PROVOST FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

Re: Use of Textbook for Teaching and M.G.L. c.268A, §6

July 1, 2014

Dr. Joyce White
Department of Physical Therapy
1st Floor Weed Hall
Lowell, MA 01854

Dear Dr. White,

Thank you for your recent Outside Activity Disclosure regarding assignment of a textbook you have written to students in your course. In order for you to assign textbooks to your students that you have written and from whose sale you will financially benefit, you are required to fully disclose and receive a written determination from your appointing authority consistent with the statutory language of §6 of the MA State Ethics Law indicating that your financial interest in the textbook selection decision is not so substantial as to affect the integrity of your service to the Commonwealth.

I have reviewed the Outside Activity Disclosure (copy attached), publicly available information about the textbook and other information provided by you and determined that your financial interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the Commonwealth may expect from you and you may use the textbook for the course as indicated in your disclosure.

You should retain this written determination for your records.

Sincerely,

Dr. Charlotte Mandell, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education

cc: State Ethics Commission (copied pursuant to requirement of §6)
Elaine Major, Director of Institutional Compliance at UMass Lowell

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement

Name: Dr. Joyce White

Title: Associate Professor

Campus: UMass Lowell

Department: Physical Therapy

Description of Financial Interest (please be specific): Co-author with shared royalties of textbook: Measurement of Joint Motion, published by FA Davis Company, Philadelphia, PA. See attached Textbook Disclosure Form regarding assigning book in 2 courses that I teach (anticipate royalties of \$105-120 per year from use of book at UML).

Description of Activity (please include identity of commercial entities involved): Co-author of textbook: Measurement of Joint Motion, published by FA Davis Company, Philadelphia, PA. This activity does not interfere with my teaching, service and research-scholarship obligations to the University and in fact helps me meet these obligations.

I hereby certify that I have read and understood the University Policy on Conflicts of Interest Relating to Intellectual Property and commercial Ventures. I further certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the contents of this Financial Interest Disclosure Statement are complete and accurate.

Signature of Covered Individual:



Date: June 4, 2014

Massachusetts State Ethics Commission Disclosure Form

Name of Faculty Member: Dr. Joyce White _____
Title: Associate Professor _____
Department: Physical Therapy _____
Name of text or other course materials to be assigned: Measurement of Joint Motion _____
Name of course: Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy I & II _____
of student enrolled: 35-40 _____
authorization is sought: Fall 2014, Spring 2015 _____
Anticipated amount of royalties or other earnings from these materials in this course: \$105-120 per year _____

I hereby request a determination by the Provost that the assignment of the above-named materials, which I deem pedagogically appropriate, will not result in a financial benefit to me that is so substantial as to affect the integrity of my service to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Signature of Faculty Member: Joyce White
Date: June 5, 2014

Approved: _____
Ahmed Abdelal
Provost

Date: _____