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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. Sean Collins  
Department of Physical Therapy  
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Dear Dr. Collins,

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:** Sean Collins

**Title:** Associate Professor

**Campus:** UMass Lowell

**Department:** Physical Therapy

**Description of Financial Interest (please be specific):**

In discussions with two potential publishers with a textbook proposal (Pathophysiology: Foundations of Clinical Reasoning) – the potential publishers are FA Davis and Trunity. I do not currently have a contract with either publisher. My intention here is to disclose my plan to enter into a contract with one of these publishers in the next 3 months.

**Description of Activity (please include identity of commercial entities involved):**

If the textbook proposal is accepted and I come to terms with a publisher for a contract (either FA Davis or Trunity), the activity would include writing and publishing the book. I would plan to adopt the book for my course (Medical/Surgical Conditions: Pathology), most likely in Summer 2015 (earliest possible date of adoption).

*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, 14