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AUTHORIZATION LETTER FROM VICE PROVOST FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

February 17, 2015

Dr. James Forest
School of Criminology & Justice Studies
Health and Social Sciences Building, 4th Floor
Lowell, MA 01854

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

Titles: *The Terrorism Lectures* for 44.248 Terrorism and
Weapons of Mass Destruction for CRIM 664 Weapons of Mass Destruction

Dear Dr. Forest,

Thank you for your recent Outside Activity Disclosure regarding assignment of two textbooks you have written to students for two of your courses. 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

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Massachusetts State Ethics Commission Disclosure Form

Name of Faculty Member:

James .F. Forest, Ph.D.

Title:

Professor & Director, Security Studies

Department:

School of Criminology & Justice Studies

Name of text or other course materials to be assigned:

Weapons of Mass Destruction & Terrorism

Name of course:

CRIM664 Weapons of Mass Destruction

of student enrolled:

19

Semester(s) for which authorization is sought:

Spring 2015

Anticipated amount of royalties or other earnings from these materials in this course:

average \$2 per book sold by publisher

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:



Date:

February 12, 2015

Approved:

Ahmed Abdelal
Provost

Date:

- 1) marketed outside UML? Yes - Amazon
2) approx cost / book \$102.23 to 35.13
3) replace another text by same course, new course explain new course Spr 2015

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Name of text or other course materials to be assigned:

The Terrorism Lectures

Name of course:

44.248 Terrorism

of student enrolled:

average 25-30 per semester

Semester(s) for which authorization is sought:

Spring, Summer and Fall 2015

Anticipated amount of royalties or other earnings from these materials in this course:

average \$1.50 per book sold by publisher

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:

Date:



____ February 12, 2015 ____

Approved:

Ahmed Abdelal
Provost

Date:

1) marketed outside UML?
Yes, amazon
2) approx cost / book
18.78

3) Did this replace another textbook for the same course? If yes, expl.
replaces a book he used in 2011 + 2012 that was pub'd. in 2004

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