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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

February 12, 2015

Dr. Jie Wang
Department of Computer Science
3rd Floor Olsen Hall
Lowell, MA 01854

Dear Dr. Wang,

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



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emailed to verify
No royalties received

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Consulting and Outside Activity Disclosure Form

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Submit **NEW** Disclosures for Approval **PRIOR** to Engaging in the Activity
Submit updates/verifications for existing disclosures by Jan. 31 Annually

1) Printed Name of Person disclosing activity: Jie Wang

Department: Computer Science

2) Describe the financial interest: Textbook disclosure

I am using a textbook I authored to teach 91.561 Computer and Network Security I, titled "Computer Network Security: Theory and Practice", which was copublished by Springer and Higher Education Press in 2009.

- Information about whether the publisher markets the book to other institutions or users.

Yes, the book was available worldwide (including North America, Europe, and India).

- Approximate cost of each book.

In the US: \$169 (Amazon) for hardcover; \$125 for paper back.

- Percentage of royalties received per book.

None. I did not receive any royalty.

- Approximate number of books sold per year (if possible, separate out number of UML students enrolled in your course and then all other sales).

No idea.

- If this replaced another book that was used previously for the same course, provide the title and cost information for the prior book.

N/A

3) Describe the activity (include name of the company, entity or organization involved):

None

4) Duration of activity: From: through

N/A

Total hours (incl. Sat/Sun):

Estimated distribution of hours (e.g., one time, once/month, weekly):

5) Are any University resources involved (facilities, intellectual property, or students)? () Yes (X) No
If yes, please refer to Appendix A5 and A6 of the Agreement between the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees and the Massachusetts Society of Professors. In addition, please explain.

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6) Acknowledgement:

(X) I hereby certify that I have read and understood the 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: Jie Wang

Date: 02/11/2015

To be completed by Department Chair/Supervisor and Dean

A. Printed Name of Department Chair/Supervisor: Jie Wang

Chair/Supervisor recommendations: (X) Approved.

() Potential Conflict, sent to Dean for further review.

Chair/Supervisor Signature: Jie Wang

Date: 02/11/2015

B. Printed Name of Dean: Mark Hines

Dean recommendations: (X) Approved

() Potential Conflict, sent to VP Research for further review.

Dean Signature: Mark Hines

Date: 2/11/15

(Note to Dean: Return a copy of the signed form to chair and person requesting approval.)