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## AUTHORIZATION LETTER FROM PROVOST

June 25, 2018

Dr. Kenneth Levasseur  
Professor  
Mathematical Science  
19 Aglipay Drive  
Amherst, NH 03031

**Re: Use of Textbook for Teaching and M.G.L. c.268A, §6 - Title: *Applied Discrete Structures***

Dear Dr. Levasseur,

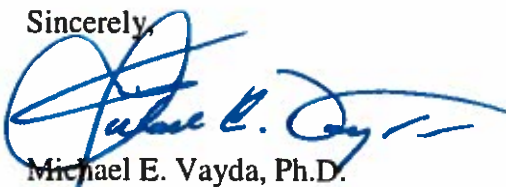
Thank you for your recent request to assign the above referenced textbook you have written to students in your courses.

An ethical conflict of interest is created by any personal financial benefit that may ensue from actions that you make in your professional capacity as a state employee; such as the financial gain that you might incur from sales of a textbook that you assign UMass Lowell students to purchase who are attending courses you teach.

In reviewing your request, I conclude that your financial interest in the textbook selection decision is not so substantial as to affect the integrity of your service to the Commonwealth. Accordingly, I approve your request to assign this textbook for the Spring 2019 semester.

Please retain this written determination for your records.

Sincerely,

  
Michael E. Vayda, Ph.D.

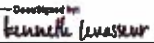
cc: State Ethics Commission (copied pursuant to requirement of §6)  
Donna Mellen, Associate Director of Academic Technology



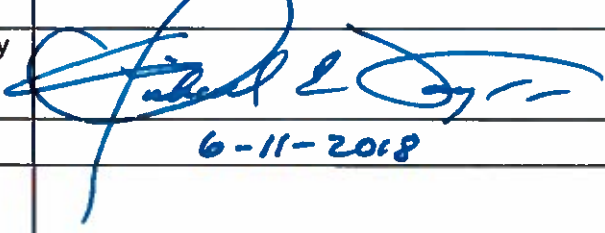
**DISCLOSURE BY NON-ELECTED STATE EMPLOYEE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST  
AND DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY  
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 6**

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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
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	<b>STATE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION</b>
Name:	Kenneth Levasseur
Title or Position:	Professor
State Agency:	University of Massachusetts
Agency Address:	1 University Ave Lowell, MA 01854
Office Phone:	42414
Office E-mail:	kenneth_levasseur@uml.edu
	My duties require me to participate in a particular matter, and I may not participate because of a financial interest that I am disclosing here. I request a determination from my appointing authority about how I should proceed.
	<b>PARTICULAR MATTER</b>
Particular matter  E.g., a judicial or other proceeding, application, submission, request for a ruling or other determination, contract, claim, controversy, charge, accusation, arrest, decision, determination, or finding.	Please describe the particular matter.  I have coauthored a textbook in Discrete Mathematics, Applied Discrete Structures (see <a href="http://discretemath.org">http://discretemath.org</a> ). I use it when I teach either MATH.2190 (formerly MATH.3210 and formerly 92.321) and MATH.3220. I'm not scheduled to teach either course this fall, but may be scheduled to teach one or both in spring 2019. The book is distributed under a Creative Commons license in html, pdf, and print version. The first two formats are free and the print version is around \$30. For the roughly 5% of students who buy the print version, I get an average of \$3, which I generally use to purchase instructor copies. The book is used at other universities, but at UML,
Your required participation in the particular matter:  E.g., approval, disapproval, decision, recommendation, rendering advice, investigation, other.	Please describe the task you are required to perform with respect to the particular matter.  I am reporting this.
	<b>FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE PARTICULAR MATTER</b>
Write an X by all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> My immediate family member has a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> My business partner has a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> I am an officer, director, trustee, partner or employee of a business organization, and the business organization has a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> I am negotiating or have made an arrangement concerning future employment with a person or organization, and the person or organization has a financial interest in the matter.

Financial interest in the matter	Please explain the financial interest and include a dollar amount if you know it.  I get about \$30 per year from royalties on sales to UML students, which offset the cost of instructor copies.
Employee signature:	
Date:	6/7/2018   17:24 EDT

## DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING OFFICIAL

	<b>APPOINTING AUTHORITY INFORMATION</b>
Name of Appointing Authority:	Michael E. Vayda, Ph.D.
Title or Position:	Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Agency/Department:	Provost's Office
Agency Address:	220 Pawtucket Street, Suite 480 Lowell, MA 01854
Office Phone:	(479) 409-3692
Office E-mail	Michael_Vayda@uml.edu
	<b>DETERMINATION</b>
Determination by appointing authority:  Write an X by your selection.	As appointing official, as required by G.L. c. 268A, § 6, I have reviewed the particular matter and the financial interest identified above by a state employee.  <input type="checkbox"/> I am assigning the particular matter to another employee, or <input type="checkbox"/> I am assuming responsibility for the particular matter, or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have determined that the financial interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the Commonwealth may expect from the employee.
Appointing Authority signature:	
Date:	6-11-2018
Comment:	

Attach additional pages if necessary.



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## Massachusetts State Ethics Commission Disclosure Form

Name of Faculty Member: Kenneth Levasseur

Title: Professor

Department: Mathematical Sciences

Name of text or other course materials to be assigned: Applied Discrete Structures

Name of course: MATH.2190/3200

# of students enrolled: 150

Semester(s) for which authorization is sought: Spring 2019

Anticipated amount of royalties or other earnings from these materials in this course: \$30

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:

DocuSigned by:  
Kenneth Levasseur  
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Date:

6/4/2018 | 17:24 EDT

Approved:

  
Michael E. Vayda  
Provost

Date:

6-11-2018

DocuSigned by:

*Academic Affairs*

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Academic Affairs Verification

DocuSigned by:

*Daniel Klain*

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Department Chair

DocuSigned by:

*Nourddine Melikechi*

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