

From: (b)(6)
To:
Subject: RE: Latest answers to questions
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Thank you, (b)(6). Really appreciate. Will read shortly.

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 7:11 PM
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Because I am so conscientious and wanted you to have answers prior to your tomorrow deadline, I stayed until after 7 p.m. to get them for you and missed the 6:30 showing of Mr.

(b)(6) I had planned on going to tonight! Be nice to me, if at all possible.

As I mentioned, I'm out tomorrow since it's Wednesday.

Q: Do you believe that this timeline is accurate? (While I have no reason to doubt authenticity or accuracy, I ask b/c Col (b)(6) faulted at least one faculty member for being less than honest in responses and I don't know who authored this timeline.)

A: The timeline you provided from the FOIA documents is accurate.

Q: The timeline and Dr Rice interview suggest the students were tested ("risk stratified for blood and fluid precautions") to make sure they didn't contract any diseases during the class. Correct? Am I correct in saying that the entire class (how many?) was tested on Aug 5 at 1pm? Would you like to elaborate? (and what does EHOS stand for?)

A: The USU students who participated in the teaching assistant course in the offsite location with Dr. Hagmann met with a community health nurse within the USU Environmental Health and Occupational Safety Division. She met with each student individually to discuss the extent of their involvement and to assess the risk for disease. Those discussions were private.

Q: Dr. Rice mentioned counseling for the students. As he told me, "...And so our next move was to refer students to counseling and occupational health as appropriate and the dean's staff met with the whole class and explained that we had major concerns about the conduct of the course and were terminating it." What did this counseling entail? Is this meeting with a psychologist? And was this optional or required of every class member?

A: The involved USU students were offered numerous opportunities to voluntarily seek counseling. These options include, but were not limited to: 1) The USU Student Health Clinic, 2) Student Counseling Center [staffed by psychiatrist, psychologist and social worker], 3) Office of Student Affairs, 4) Faculty mentor, and 5) Chaplain. In addition, members of the Office of the Dean of the School of Medicine have had numerous discussions with the class to address any concerns they may have.

Q: This timeline notes a call to SEAL team 3 PA. Why? Was SEAL team 3 participating in this class?

A: Since the university terminated the class, which included trainees from outside the university, the individuals and their commands, e.g., Special Forces operators from SEAL Team 3, were notified that the class was canceled for cause.

Q: But to be clear: I don't seek just an "answer." I need a copy, please, of the policy and the date it was adopted, given that the other documents you sent me are not the policy.

A: The following statement appears in the Student Handbook on page 116-118:

School of Medicine policy prohibits instructors or medical students from requesting medical students from serving as "patients" for intrusive examinations or procedures, such as a rectal or genitourinary exam, or a lumbar puncture. Medical students should refuse any such request and immediately report the incident to the Office for Student Affairs or Associate Dean for Medical Education.

USU leadership put this practice into effect immediately with a verbal directive followed by the staffing of an official policy. The Student Handbook, including the above statement, was updated in the spring of 2014 and published for dissemination to the incoming class of students in August 2014. Simultaneously, the formal staffing action for the policy addressing student mistreatment began, and was finalized in October 2014. The verbal directive continued until the policy was published.

Q – Request to interview Dr. (b)(6)

A – Dr. (b)(6) is unavailable for interview; however, all of her comments are clearly stated in the report.

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