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Judith A Ramey, Jan H Spyridakis, and Mark P Haselkorn, Technical Communication, College of Engineering, University of Washington (TC/UW) willfully destroyed a professor's career using character assassination and perjury to gain favor with administrators. Their reward included promotion to full professor for Ramey and Spyridakis with Ramey as department chair. They both received exorbitant salary increases (way above the campus average) and claimed that they had the backing of their faculty when they took part in academic harassment: a criminal offense.

Former Governor Gary Locke read documents about TC/UW malfeasance then wrote a recommendation which Christine O Gregoire, formerly Attorney General now Governor, State of Washington; Richard L McCormick and Mark A Emmert, successive Presidents; also Matthew O'Donnell, Dean of Engineering have ignored.

Locke wrote: " The Superior Court could call a grand jury if so requested by a public attorney on a showing of good cause. Also, the Organized Crime Advisory Board may petition the Supreme Court for an order appointing a special inquiry judge. If a special inquiry judge is appointed, the organized crime advisory board shall, with the consent of the Governor, name a special prosecutor".

If professors in a public university can harass an established professor, then they can act in an even more repugnant manner toward graduate students. Students should insist on their moral, civil and human rights and not rely on college officials or the university ombudsman, Lois Price-Spratlen for due process of law.

Price-Spratlen consistently uses her position to benefit the university and herself in a quid pro quo that guarantees her personal advancement and large salary increases. As a neutral third party, the university ombudsman must not advocate for the university or either party in a dispute. Her mandate states that she must hold an informal process that achieves a fair and reasonable settlement through mediation within existing policies and procedures.

Academic harassment defines as behavior that: intends to unreasonably interfere with an individual's educational performance both on or off campus; distributes verbal, written or electronic communication with intent to annoy, causes unlawful arrest; creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive classroom environment;

directs personally offensive remarks with intent to demean, belittle, or cause personal humiliation or embarrassment in public; and, threatens, intimidates, or coerces.

Under university regulations, expulsion of students requires written notice and preliminary hearings with an opportunity to file a defense and to present witnesses. TC/UW denied basic rights in law. It disallowed a legal hearing, oral testimony, and written affidavits by defense witnesses and used railroading techniques to convene a kangaroo court which denied constitutional and human rights.

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