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From: FOX, RUSTY SE Campus SDES
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2011 3:33 PM
To: CORONADO, RICARDO
Cc: LANIER, BILL
Subject: FW: Student Complaint/Grievance Form
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From: FOX, RUSTY SE Campus SDES
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2011 12:04 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Student Complaint/Grievance Form

[REDACTED]

I've attached a copy of the Student Complaint/Grievance Form. This would be the document you would use to formally specify and describe your concern, and the outcome you are requesting.

Original E-mail
From: "FOX, RUSTY SE Campus SDES" [RUSTY.FOX@tccd.edu]
Date: 11/20/2011 08:30 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Complaint

Ms. [REDACTED] you have taken the correct steps thus far. Your complaint would go through the academic administration. Ms. Wettengel is the department head. Mr. Josue Munoz is the division dean. And Dr. Barbara Coan is the vice president of academic affairs.

On Nov 19, 2011, at 8:23 PM, [REDACTED] >> wrote:

To Mr. Rusty,

Hi my name is [REDACTED] I'm taking up Phil 1304 of Professor Paul Derengowski. On the night of Nov. 8 while we were going over the history of Islam and the life of Prophet Mohammed, two of our classmates kept interrupting our class and this one particular student [REDACTED] insulted professor Derengowski in front of everybody. He was so scary the way he reacted in the class. And [REDACTED] sent an email to everybody that she will talk to the dean regarding Prof. D teaching. We never finish Islam because they never let professor D teach. Which was totally unfair they were not the only students in the class.

On Nov. 15 we were surprised that Prof. D didn't come into class, and Dean Munoz took our attendance but he never said anything to our class. On Thursday morning I received an email from one of my classmate telling me that Prof. D resigned from his job because of this incident. I went to school to talk to the dean I spoke to his secretary and she said I need to follow a certain protocol I need to get in touch with Sharon Wettengel. So I went to Ms. Sharon's office and I spoke to her secretary and I left her my name and phone number. I have copy of her business card so I emailed her when I got home. And here's the copy of the email that I sent for Dean Munoz, Wettengel and Coan.

"I'm currently taking Phil 1304 under Prof. Paul Derengowski. I felt that the way the administration handled the case against Professor Paul was unfair and bias.

u only hear one side of the story not the rest of the students in the class.
Why none of you ask the rest of the students what really transpired on the night of Nov. 8?

On that evening were going over the history of Islam and the life of Mohammad it was even stated in the book the violence involved during Prophet Mohammad's time. And they were denying the Prophet Mohammed didn't commit any atrocities to mankind so they felt that professor Paul was not teaching Islam in the right manner. Even when I was still in the Philippines I learned this from school, it's part of history why deny it.

And [REDACTED] became furious started insulting the professor in front of everybody, insulting his credentials as a teacher, insulting the reference books he used written by Muslim scholars and which by the way professor Paul also use the Quran as one of his point of reference.

They didn't even finish him going over the history of Islam without interrupting him in the class. I don't see anything wrong using another reference books aside from the text book, as a student I find it admirable that I see my professor was not subjugate to use only the school text book it means a lot for me as a student that Professor Paul is well informed with the subject he teaches and he uses different references in every topic for the class. Every Tues and Thursday he's well prepared he brought outside references and show it to the class or read it to us.

If [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] wants to argue that Professor Paul was falsely teaching Islam they should have brought their references and show it to class in the same manner Professor Paul does.

And this is a world religion class each and everyone in the class have different beliefs and practices but I never seen or heard professor Paul insulting or being bias to other religion and try to enforce his beliefs on us. And the field assignment that I did for his class helped me to understand/open my mind on other people's beliefs and practices and .ade me appreciate my religious belief.

Thank you for reading this letter "

On Thursday November 17 Sharon W came to our class and she introduce another professor Mark Austin who will take over the class starting Thursday onwards. She asked everybody if we have any questions so my classmates started asking questions, but she NEVER answer anything she can't divulge information etc. So I sent her another email because I was so disappointed with the way they handle this case. Here's the copy of my email that I sent to her until now she haven't responded.

"Ms. Sharon,

I was disappointed, disgusted the way the administration handle this whole situation. I was robbed with the information and education that I'm gonna learn from Prof. D's class. I could have taken other humanities class the easier ones as a core requirements for Nursing but I specifically chose this class because I want to learn different beliefs of people and as a future nurse I'm gonna encounter different people and I want to know how I will approach them, religion defines a person. And this whole mess screw up everything for me, I didn't get the result that I wanted from this class because the administration fail to do their job.

It's ridiculous that only two students from my class complained you all got scared and cave in, but fail to think the welfare of rest of the class who were also offended by the administrations decision & those particular students [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] *fyi those two students from the beginning of this semester always contradicts professor D teaching, always questioning his integrity in the subject."

My complaint why the rest of the class were treated poorly and unjustly by TCC administration I felt discriminated. My rights as a student of TCC were violated, this was the response I got from Sharon from the first email that I sent to her

"Thank you for your email and concerns regarding the philosophy class. After the cancelation of class last Tuesday it will reconvene tonight so we can move forward with the remainder of the semester."

██████████ and ██████████ are above the law that they get the better treatment than the rest of the students in my class? or is TCC administration is scared of those two Muslim students that they were trying to avoid offending them & the Islamic community at TCC, but in the end they offended the rest of the students in my class. This is how I interpret the situation right now.

I like professor D class he NEVER enforce his beliefs on me, and because of these two close minded people that cause disruption and distractions in the entire class on Nov. 8 we can't even get to the second slide of Prof. D without them interrupting the class.

I can't tolerate and accept that TCC administration failed to investigate and talk to the students. And I hope that my classmate and I will get a fair treatment and respect as TCC student the way ██████████ and ██████████ were treated. And Prof. D's right as a teacher was violated, because he was insulted by ██████████. I think he should be reprimanded and open an investigation on this one.

I really appreciate if you will do something for me and my classmates, we all share the same sentiments our class is every Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 pm. I hope someone from your department will go to my class and investigate please treat us like an adult not a five year old.

I want to finish this semester with Prof. D. I paid for this class and I specifically sign up for prof. D's class. And I hope it works out for the best interest of the majority of the students in my class.

Thank you for your time

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LANIER, BILL

om: FOX, RUSTY SE Campus SDES
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 1:30 PM
To: CORONADO, RICARDO
Cc: LANIER, BILL
Subject: [REDACTED]

- Student, [REDACTED] returned my call.
- She clarified that she DOES want to proceed with her complaint.
- I explained that the matter would now involve our District Office. And I asked if, in consideration of all that has transpired, if she still wanted to make a complaint. She said she did.
- She clarified that her complaint was: [REDACTED] was disruptive in class, was furious and yelled. She stated [REDACTED] was disruptive too. [REDACTED] said, according to TCC Policy, that disciplinary action was warranted because they had been disruptive.
- Per Dr. Coronado's request, I did ask if she had reviewed the website forwarded by [REDACTED], and included in the instructor's syllabus. She stated that she HAD reviewed that website.
- I offered to meet with her in person, should she desire to do so. She explained that she was only available during the evenings. I offered to schedule a 6:30p meeting if necessary. She approved discussing the matter over the phone instead.

LANIER, BILL

From: FOX, RUSTY SE Campus SDES
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2011 11:17 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: CORONADO, RICARDO
Subject: Update of progress

[REDACTED]:

The college wants to make you aware of the status of your complaint. We will respond as soon as practical, but at this time we are still attempting to interview key people involved. Thus, we do not anticipate completing a response to you until we have all of that information. Because this potentially concerns multiple issues and areas of responsibility, your patience and understanding of the complexity of this matter, is appreciated.

You were thorough in your written complaint, and my assumption is it includes all the details you wanted considered. Additionally, I believe we've spoken about the matter by phone. However, if you still feel the need to review your complaint in person, simply call my administrative assistant at 817.515.3015, and she'll set us an appointment for early next week.

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