

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Pat Walsh [walshpat@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 11:08 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Kevin Barrett

I am pleased and relieved at your decision to retain this instructor and support his right, and so all of our right to question what obviously needs questioning.

Thank you.

Pat Walsh
St. Louis, MO 63129 currently, but returning to Wisconsin
permanently very soon

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Percy Patrick [percypatrick2000@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 11:03 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Kevin Barrett

Your decision to employ Kevin Barrett is another example of wasted funding of education dollars. One might expect to have a Freshman student use phrases that you have such as "unpopular idea", "unconventional idea" and "controversial idea" when speaking about Mr. Barrett's ranting that over 3,000 innocent humans were murdered by a controlled demolition organized by our government. I am truly amazed at either your ignorance or arrogance in supporting the trivialization of the death of these people.

Shame be on you and those supporting your decision. Are you truly that disconnected?

Mike Patrick

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: UnclDon [unclDon@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 10:37 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: 3 quick paragraphs on Kevin Barrett

A person in your position, with authority to make decisions on how public funds are dispensed to various guest lecturers such as Kevin Barrett, should be more objective and thoughtful about what all this means – this rabble-rousing nutcase espousing his ridiculous theory on the 9/11 catastrophe, and other psychotic rantings.

His vacuous, self-serving abstractions CANNOT be considered objective "food for thought", designed to provoke students to "think", as he suggests. These ramblings are either truly his beliefs (which make him certifiable) or a platform for him to gain his "15 minutes of fame" (which make HIM the hoax) .. in either case you, sir, are stepping beyond your bounds in enabling this wacko and affording him a stage on which to influence our youth – with Wisconsin taxpayer dollars.

Shame on you. I hope you'll re-think your decision and cancel this class. I doubt that you will. My guess is that you have an agenda similar to his or you're too weak to stand up to him and others in the cesspool of left-wing academia. Shame, shame on you.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Newton
Orange County, CA

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Armas Rammo [arammo99@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 10:14 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: re your Barrett finding

Dear Sir, I am currently teaching a Canadian university entrance course to Chinese students wishing to study in Canada. So I am thankful that North American academia continues to be free to pursue the truth wherever it may lead, popular or unpopular, widely accepted or not. Of course, I believe there to be a necessary and 2nd phase of this that ought to be pursued in order to validate your school's motto. While you state that Dr. Barrett's perspective on 911 is not that of the university, you need not be reminded that there is no such unibody as 'the university'. The one unifying principle of your school is implied by the motto i.e. it is the pursuit of truth. And so I ask, and this question relates to all programs in all fields of your university: Do the scientifically proven truths of those fields point to or against the 911 Commission's findings of what has become the nation's disclosure on 911? Does the report stand up to the laws of chemistry, physics, maths, architecture, engineering? 911, as you yourself state, is a defining moment in American history, and so it warrants such attention in detail as a case study to verify or disprove the principles related to the laws of those academic subjects. And so allow such testing to take place by those who have the most to gain by the truth - your students who yearn passionately for the truth wherever it may lead them because wherever it leads is better than the alternative.

Respectfully yours,
Armas Rammo
Luoyang, Henan, China

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Bill Ford [abjm12@adelphia.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 10:14 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: 9/11 Conspiracy Kook Cleared to Teach Islam

Mr. Farrell,

So does that mean that the University of Wisconsin Astronomy dept. will soon be teaching astrology? Also, numerology in the Math dept., creationism in Biology, scientology in Religion, and geomancy in Geology? After all, these are 'controversial and unpopular ideas' that will encourage their students to think critically - about attending another university.

What a crock!

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Biased [phillip.bias@excite.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 9:20 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Next years Budget?

I find it funny that your institution is constantly wailing for funds and they let you be quoted on Aljazeera, Protecting the anti-American Rant of Kevin Barrett. You have a responsibility to the tax payers both on the local and Federal levels (Since you receive Fed dollars) And you have turned around and bit the hand that feeds your whole institution (If I can call it one.) It seems that according to state records that your Institution received around 900,000,000 in appropriations last year. That seems to present a real problem (1 that can be corrected) We will work to cut in half the waste of state funds to those who do not appreciate the windfall. We do not give out money to those who are anti-American. And the BUCK STOPS WITH YOU!
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From: kurtcberg@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 9:13 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Kevin Barrett

Dear Mr. Farrell,

I was most disappointed to learn of your decision to provide Mr. Barrett a forum to promote his extreme positions. While I also believe in academic freedoms and the free exchange of ideas, this is way over the line. I have seen Mr. Barrett speak now several times and what concerns me is that Mr. Barrett does not state his position as opinion, he states it as fact. Since I am sure you are aware of this I can only assume that you would allow any teacher to state anything they want as fact as well.

You say the University does not endorse Mr. Barrett's position, however since you know he states his position as fact I find that hard to believe.

While I have always been very proud of UW Madisons academic standards, I simply do not agree with your decision to allow Mr. Barrett to teach and promote his hatred of our government.

I have to wonder if a conservative professor came to you and asked to teach such a hateful and extreme position against a liberal administration if you would allow that as well. Somehow I doubt it.

Sincerely,
A former UW supporter

Kurt J. Haberle
Cedarburg Wisconsin

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Joseph Ballmer [jrballmer@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 8:51 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Kevin Barrett

Dear Provost Farrell,

In the official statement supporting the retention of lecturer Kevin Barrett, one reads that UW "cannot allow political pressure from critics of unpopular ideas to inhibit the free exchange of ideas."

Those of us who oppose Barrett's position at UW, or at any institution for that matter, oppose him on the basis of his fitness to teach. His claims that al-Qaida is a front created by the CIA and that the WTC towers were purposely imploded are not "unpopular ideas". They are absurd, lunatic ramblings. For that reason, his position is opposed. Politics have nothing to do with the pressure to remove Barrett from the classroom - it is a matter of intellectual fitness and basic scholarship. His ideas are unpopular due to their lunacy.

This matter has not been settled. You must prepare to deal with the aftermath, namely, the derision of UW, particularly during September when he spouts this nonsense and causes UW to become a national embarrassment.

Good luck and best regards,
Joseph Ballmer
Maumee, Ohio

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: wbratley@chorus.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 8:49 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: UW says Kevin Barrett is good to go.

OK.

My donations to the UW Engineering School (not much by your standards but something) are also "good to go" elsewhere than the UW.

Bill Bratley
BSEE 1968
MSEE 1970

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: brad van bellinger [vanbell7866@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 8:29 AM

To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu

Subject: Fw: Pair of Pliers

— Original Message —

From: brad van bellinger

To: chancellor@news.wisc.edu

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 8:26 AM

Subject: Pair of Pliers

Dear Chancellor—As a former student and resident of Wisconsin I would like to pass on to you and your acclaimed staff individual pairs of pliers to use when in need to grab your ears and pull your heads out of your asses. This support of Kevin Barrett's Lies on what happened on 9-11 by Provost Farrell is ridiculous and embarrassing. All the Best, Brad

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: leepamkolb@bellsouth.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 8:25 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: K. Barrett lecturer comment

Dear Sir:

Although it is important to provide freedom of expression to lecturers and professors, it should not be at the expense of scientific knowledge. To give Barrett an opportunity to lecture theories based on structural engineering, an area for which he has no qualifications whatsoever, is not in the interest of providing knowledge to the students and is a disservice to them and those who are paying their tuitions. He should be free to promulgate whatever ideas he wishes outside the classroom, on his own time and at his own expense. He should not be provided with a tax-payer provided podium to lecture on things for which he is not qualified. That gives a legitimacy to his words they do not deserve. If this class was being co-taught with PhD structural engineers to balance the misinformation this lecturer is propounding, that would be a true teaching experience for the students. As you have outlined it, a single lecturer and students only, is indoctrination. Your decision to knowingly allow this man to lecture students in an area for which he is unprepared and uneducated would prevent me from sending any financial support to your institution or supporting my grandchildrens' education there.
Sincerely, Pam Kolb

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Mark Bradley [mbradley@ruderware.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 7:22 AM
To: pfarell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Thank You

Pat,

As a holder of two degrees from UW-Madison, I want to thank you for putting your decision regarding Mr. Barrett in the correct perspective: "It is in cases like this - difficult cases involving unconventional ideas - that we define our principles and determine our future."

Well said.

Mark Bradley
Wausau, Wisconsin

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Kevin Smith [hitbatsman@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 6:50 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Kevin Barrett

Congratulations. You have now solidified our decision for our daughter to attend Ohio State (it was narrowed down to the two schools). As well as made yourself an international headliner:

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/500325CD-FDBE-4C76-8ABB-0410229523DA.htm>

Although being an international headliner on an American-hating website like Aljazeera isn't something your mother would be proud of. And I sincerely hope, for the sake of your soul, that you aren't either.

Good day.

Kevin

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From: James L. Baughman [baughman@wisc.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 6:20 AM
To: PATRICK V FARRELL
Subject: good decision

Pat, great seeing you and meeting Valerie last night.

For what it's worth, I thought you made the right call on Barrett. Let me know if I can help.

JIM

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: bruce.tourbier@pioneer.com on behalf of Tourbier, Bruce [bruce.tourbier@pioneer.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 5:29 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu; Tourbier, Bruce
Subject: Terrible wrong

Keeping Kevin Barrett as a teacher at U.W. Madison is not academic freedom and is terrible wrong.

It shows me how out of touch academia is with the real world. Don't be surprised when Wisconsin citizens turn against U.W. Wisconsin and without financial donations.

**Bruce Tourbier
U.W. Madison M.S. 82**

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: tjdean@temple.edu
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 5:12 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: your Kevin Barrett decision

Dear Provost Farrell,

Thank you!

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: R.JinCAL2@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 5:11 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: From: RJ Johnson

Oh great, now al-Jazeera is happy your school is teaching a course that rewrites the history of the attack on September 11. The University of Wisconsin looks more pathetic than ever. Didn't any of you see the planes hit the buildings? No one heard the tape where bin Laden takes credit for the attack?

**RJ Johnson
Documentary Producer
PBS, Bravo, Showtime, etc.**

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Ebdabbs@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 4:40 PM
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Subject: Lord help us!

Mr. Patrick V. Farrell
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
University of Wisconsin-Madison
150 Bascom Hall
500 Lincoln Dr.
Madison, WI 53706

Dear Mr. Farrell,

It is no surprise to me that you chose the easy way out of the Kevin Barrett situation. There is apparently no one in the university system willing to stand the heat. This man will be allowed to preach a religion and falsehoods in a state school at the taxpayers expense. It appears that truth and common decency are of little and, sometimes, no importance in the system. Shame!!

E.B. Dabbs
Cudahy, WI

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From: cftaber [cftaber@rogers.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 4:32 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Kevin Barrett

The fact that you have cleared Mr. Barrett to teach at your school hurts so badly your schools reputation that it is incredible. If I was a denier of the Holocaust, or if I felt that we ought to return American Blacks into enslavement, I am sure that I would not be allowed to teach in your school despite my credentials.

I have listened to Mr. Barrett on several talk shows, and I can tell you that if you will not suspend him because of his right to free speech, then suspend him because his arguments are poorly thought out and his intelligence level appears in these appearances to be quite low. But I am sure you will continue on this path, just to prove to your cocktail party leftist buddies that you hate Bush as much as the next guy. But when you go home and look at your wife and/or daughters tonight, or you call your mother on the phone – just remember that the philosophy of this man is to enslave those women that you love. How liberal is that?

C F Taber
Waterloo, Ontario

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: garyhills@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 3:59 PM
To: pfarell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: New course sought

Hi, in the name of academic freedom, may I suggest a course titled, "Building a Stronger Community Through Racial Slavery"?

I think there are diverse voices out there who could make strong arguments in favor of re-slavery. I'm sure you would not want to silence those voices.

There is also a number of people who believe that subjugation of women is the right thing to do. Perhaps you can hire lecturers who can teach this to our children.

There are also some whack-jobs who think that Bush did 9/11. Oh... you got that covered?

Thanks.

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: pdfrank@mmm.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 3:15 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu; jdwiley@bascom.wisc.edu
Subject: Kevin Barrett

Dear Sirs:

I wish to express my outrage that Kevin Barrett will be allowed to continue teaching at UW-Madison. I saw his performance on Hannity and Combes last night and was shocked, as a scientist, that he was claiming that there was scientific evidence supporting his bizarre and irrational belief. I was also deeply embarrassed, as a Wisconsinite and graduate of a state university school, that someone with such a detached sense of reality was representing one of our fine institutions. I can only imagine what people across the country and across the world are thinking of UW right now, knowing that they allow mentally deranged people to teach in their school. This man is obviously detached from reality (a sign of mental retardation/insanity) and his views, while extreme and completely irrational based on all the known evidence of 9/11 (e.g. the video of the planes hitting the towers, Osama bin Laden's personal recognition that he organized the strike, the fact that hundreds of passengers on several planes would have had to have vanished into thin air had they not flown into the towers), will no doubt influence some of the immature minds that will hear his dangerous diatribe in his classroom. This man is dangerous to national security, an embarrassment to UW and a candidate for supervised, institutionalized treatment for mental disorders. He is in the class of people that believe that crop circles are caused by UFOs, that matter can create itself, that spontaneous generation explains the origin of life, and that the moon landing was faked. In all cases, there is sound scientific and/or empirical evidence that shows that none of the above are true, just like there is empirical evidence that fanatical Islamists flew hijacked planes into the Towers. To deny the empirical truth is to deny reality. People that are detached from reality should not be teaching in public schools. I find it ironic that Patrick Farrell defended Barrett's right to preach his hateful, irrational belief on the grounds that the fine students at UW have a right to hear opposing viewpoints and that this encourages critical thinking skills, while an equally bizarre theory based on metaphysical philosophy (i.e. naturalism) with no basis in objective science, that being the theory evolution, is taught as fact with impunity while the opposing viewpoint (i.e. all the evidence proving that step-by-step natural processes are incapable of producing new species, specified complexity, irreducible complexity, information, etc.) is censored with irrational vehemence. This is a paradox that is as ridiculous as it is sad. Sad for the children attending your school who should be given proper, objective education - not a 4 year indoctrination into bad science or into the agenda of the liberal elites who apparently rule your university through a policy of liberal intolerance (intolerance to those who do not have the same worldview as they do) and political correctness. And sad for the people of this state, when a professional learning institution such as yours is dominated not by intelligent, scientific, objective discourse, but by the rantings of the mentally ill. In closing, I wish to state that I have been a willing and able supporter of UW for many years. That has all changed. The university will no longer receive any support from me. I am thoroughly embarrassed that this lunatic actually is a professor at a publicly funded state university and that his lunacy is defended by the school administration.

Paul Frank

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Vincent Malek [vmalek@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 2:44 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Kevin Barrett: A Major Embarrassment!

Patrick Farrell,

As a formerly proud graduate and post-graduate degree recipient from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, I am extremely disappointed with your decision regarding the employment of Kevin Barrett for the fall semester. After seeing him on television last night and after reading about his views, I am embarrassed that such a person would be allowed to teach at "my" university. He is in no way a scholar who has rational viewpoints. I am aware of the rich liberal traditions of the University of Wisconsin. However, Kevin Barrett's opinions definitely cross the academic freedom line. His demeanor on television was not compatible with a thoughtful professor who would fairly present factual evidence in his classes. He, essentially, is a "nut". I am contacting my lawyer to change my will so that the University of Wisconsin will no longer be a beneficiary. This is simply the "final straw" in a series of ridiculous decisions that have seriously compromised the reputation of what I thought was one of the finest public universities in our country. I am embarrassed. You should be also!

Vincent Malek
vmalek@earthlink.net
EarthLink Revolves Around You.

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: dlsiegel@uwalumni.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 2:36 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Barrett

Dear Provost Farrell:

This is one more objection to your approval of Kevin Barrett's course on 9/11 conspiracy theories, which obviously is what the course really is. I might be persuaded to overlook this outrage under the "free inquiry" rationale, but you certainly wouldn't hire a lecturer on Holocaust Denial, and rightfully so.

Please rethink this nonsense.

Sincerely,

David Siegel
BA '72; JD '78

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Robert Lundquist [rlrjl@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 2:15 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Mr. Barrett

Mr. Farrell,

From the University of Wisconsin – Madison at <http://www.news.wisc.edu/12701.html>

Farrell: "I am satisfied that Mr. Barrett appreciates his responsibility as an instructor. I also believe that he will attempt to provide students with a classroom experience that respects and welcomes open dialogue on all topics," Farrell says.

Have you read any Mr. Barrett's <http://www.mujca.com/essay.htm> web site?

In his own words: "Either we discuss the compelling evidence that 9/11 was an inside job, or there is precious little to talk about." From this you decided that Mr. Barrett "welcomes open dialogue on all topics"? You are a fool, a liar, or both.

Farrell: "We cannot allow political pressure from critics of unpopular ideas to inhibit the free exchange of ideas."

"Unpopular ideas" is that the new euphemism for patently obvious ignorance and stupidity?

Farrell: "Our students are not blank slates. They are capable of exercising good judgment, critical analysis and speaking their minds,"

Unfortunately you can't claim the same about yourself as you hire the abominable Mr. Barrett.

Moon-bat liberals like Mr. Barrett and yourself are doing great damage to the nations Universities. My daughter graduated from Arizona State University in May. Hopefully we can hide the year and a half she spent in the University of Wisconsin schools.

Robert Lundquist

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: schlicty1586@charter.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 2:12 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Kevin Barrett

Mr. Farrell:

I am appalled to hear that your university is allowing a course in Islam to be taught by someone who believes the United States government was responsible for the attacks of September 11, 2001. I believe your statement was that Mr. Barrett was entitled to his opinion. I must disagree. This man is not qualified to teach such a course. His specialty is Folklore. How is he qualified to teach a religion? This man must possess some kind of Theology or Religious degree to be qualified to teach others about Islam...not folklore. He will spew his disgusting lies to students looking to pass the course and graduate. They will regurgitate his nonsense back to him in a test and the students will get their "A". The students that argue Barrett's politics and opinions should only hope for a "C" grade. That is not learning. As someone who was in New York City on 9/11/2001, I am disgusted that this fool is being allowed to tell his lies and get paid for it. If I taught students that Japan won World War II, I could say that it was my opinion and I'm entitled to it, but I wouldn't have a teaching job very long. Does the name Ward Churchill ring a bell? I can only hope that the alumni and the taxpayers of Wisconsin pressure the governor and the university to get rid of this man. I know one school where my daughter will not be applying. Mr. Barrett is a disgrace to the University of Wisconsin and so are you for not having a backbone!

Sincerely
William Schlichting
New Milford, CT

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Matt Brager [mbrager@abrjobs.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 1:35 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Barrett ruling

Mr. Farrell:

I castigate you for your ruling on the l'affaire Kevin Barrett. You diminish the reputation of the UW-Madison and call into question it's credibility as a true learning institution with your decision to justify unproven lies under the capricious term 'academic freedom'. Would a racist warrant such protection? That is the standard you have set for the UW. It also shows your capacity for poor judgment that makes you unfit for the post of provost.

As an alumni I will actively seek to have the UW-Madison punished for this choice to promote extremist views. The UW-Madison will receive no personal contributions from me. I will seek to forward legislation to cut public funding of the UW severely. I will pursue your removal from the office of provost. I will seek through all means available to undercut other donations received by the UW, including corporate grants.

If the UW cannot maintain a standard of credible education, and instead becomes a venue for the advancement of an unwholesome personal platform, it becomes no more than a political organ. When that is done, true education is lost. What can we expect from the UW next? A Nazi professor that denies the Holocaust? A racist to proclaim whites as superior to blacks? No matter how minute you determine the grievance to be (and you have admitted it to be one even by that statement), you subject the UW to any voice at taxpayer expense under the hubris of 'academic freedom'.

Sincerely,
Matt Brager
UW Alumni – '79 School of Journalism

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Debra Lauder [ddl@bascom.wisc.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 1:20 PM
To: Pat Farrell
Cc: Casey Nagy; Amy Toburen; Cherie Krenke; Eden Inoway-Ronnie
Subject: Barrett Issue

Pat,

John is out at a meeting all day, but has been checking in periodically. One of the things we discussed when he last called is the reaction to the Barrett decision (it's 30-1 against our decision in the emails I've received). I told him about the call from Knetter asking what to tell donors, and John suggested you may want to send an email to all the deans describing the process of how the decision was made, the reasoning behind it, etc. Your call, but I said I'd pass along his suggestions.

Deb

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Michael Redman [mdredman@centurytel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 1:17 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Kevin Barrett

Dr. Farrell,

I'm sure you have received many e-mails regarding the interesting opinions and teachings of Kevin Barrett. I'm usually not an individual that fires off e-mails regularly. However I am compelled to send you one over this situation.

I am a ENT surgeon practicing at Gunderen Lutheran in La Crosse. I was born and raised in Wisconsin, attended undergraduate school at the University of Dayton, and medical school at the University of Chicago. I am a proud resident of this state, and enjoy the hard working, family values of the Midwest. That is why I a shocked that such theories are being taught at an institution that is funded by my tax dollars. If my son was going to school at Madison, I would have a serious conversation with him about changing schools. I'm sure you would not allow a professor to teach a course on the theory that what happened in Nazi Germany during WWII was factitious.

I am very disappointed that a lecturer is allowed to continue teaching such nonsense. I think this whole controversy is a black stain on UW Madison, and on the great state of Wisconsin.

Michael D. Redman, MD
5115 Grandwood Place West
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.783.8337

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Lech Biegalski [bielec@cogeco.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 11:54 PM
To: Rep.Nass; pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Cc: mtwohey@journalsentinel.com; [REDACTED]; editor@onlinejournal.com;
tom@informationclearinghouse.info
Subject: Response to your Letter

Rep. Nass:

In your letter, you said:

I am the state legislator that has been calling for Kevin Barrett to be fired not solely on his speech, but primarily on the basis that he is using his position at UW-Madison to advance a personal agenda. Kevin Barrett has been unable to provide any scholarly basis for his conspiracy theory on 9/11 or even a minimal level of evidence that might circumstantially support his views.

I submit to you that Mr. Berrett is advancing a national and not a personal agenda.

Further, I submit to you that you should take steps to have President George W. Bush fired on the basis that he was using his position as a President of the United States of America to advance a lie about the alleged existence of weapons of mass distraction in Iraq in order to manipulate Americans and our allies into an illegal war.

The difference between Mr. Berrett's and Mr. Bush's statements is that Mr. Bushes statements have already been proven to be lies while Mr. Berrett's statements are not proven wrong, yet. To the contrary, there is a lot of evidence against the credibility of the 9/11 Commission Report and in support of the opinion that 9/11 was an "inside job."

Once again, thank you for the publicity, much needed and much appreciated. The more people hear our arguments, the better.

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Subject: About Propaganda

Provost, Dean and Department Chair,

This is a brief note regarding "propaganda", sent in regard to Kevin Barrett's course to be offered in August this year.

I am a former Middle East Intelligence Analyst, having retired from active duty with the US Air Force in 1992 after entering the service in the 70's from Madison. I thought my input might help you and UW Madison evaluate decisions about various courses offered in the future. This is only a "point of view" and is offered for your information only and does not require any reply.

The intelligence community routinely examines materials from "all sources"—that is, not only classified secrets gathered by various technical or nefarious means but also open sources such as news broadcasts, books, journals, public lectures and the like. All of these sources are tend to be permeated with "propaganda", even the classified sources. That is, the materials are intended to influence other people's opinions and beliefs rather than to simply record "facts".

The best propaganda is made up entirely of facts; true statements that are supported by evidence and difficult to debunk. Such propaganda is nevertheless deliberately deceptive and designed with carefully calculated outcomes in mind. Most propaganda falls short of these exquisite standards and some is even coarse and ludicrous, but we shouldn't assume that all propaganda will identify iteself by these shortcomings.

The intelligence community, therefore, doesn't vet reports based on their apparent veracity. Instead, the sources are evaluated for whether or not they have demonstrated a willingness to deliberately deceive.

Based on my experience with propaganda, I suggest that the process used to "clear" Kevin Barrett's proposed course was subverted by Barrett's open and unquestioned habit of deception which counted upon your team examining his proposed course materials rather than investigating whether or not he was a well-known and proven propagandist.

As a result, your team *may* have been manipulated by an expert and your own goals derailed by a tactical propaganda operation carried out by undercover members of a "movement" dedicated to the overthrow of modern civilization.

Not to put to fine a point on it.

As I said, my point isn't that you or anyone agree with my specific evaluation of any particular "source"; I am only trying to illustrate the risks involved in vetting a course based on the specific materials proposed rather than based on an evaluation of the readily discernible intentions of the source or "insructor".

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Subject: Dr. Barrett

To Whom It May Concern:

It was recently brought to my attention that Dr. Kevin Barrett would be staying on as a lecturer teaching 'Islam: Religion and Culture'. I assume you are all aware that both Barrett and former lecturer there at UW Tom Hayden both believe radical conspiracy theories that place America squarely as the most evil nation on Earth and of using the made up war on terror to take over the Middle East. Hayden has openly called for "deny(ing) the U.S. occupation funding, political standing, sufficient troops, and alliances necessary to their strategy for dominance". He has also made statements saying people should help smuggle soldiers out from America and into Canada so that our military will loose its effectiveness. Barrett has similar notions including stating that the U.S. government caused 9-11 intentionally in order to go to war in the Middle East.

The decision to keep him on was seemingly based solely upon his agreeing to teach relevant subject matter and display multiple points of view. It was hailed by some in academia as a victory for free speech and free thought. I don't have a problem with varied points of view. Often bringing forth diversified ideas opens doors in problem solving that otherwise might not have been appearant. The problems I have are these: Numerous factors should go into deciding who is able to lecture or profess. AAUP claims the system now is working great. That point of view is beyond ridiculous. Once a few people with a certain agenda get onto a university faculty, they now have the resources needed to bring on board others with similar points of view. This can happen to the point where the inmates now control the insane assylum. I personally believe that has happened already on most campuses, but would perfer to direct my complaint against Barrett specifically. I would suggest that overall university respect nationwide should at lease merrit some consideration. How does it look to America when you invite lecturers to Madison who openly hate America, hate our government, and have called for working towards its destruction? How does it look when you hire lecturers who might as well be teaching classes on the life of the Easter Bunny? I would suggest Barrett spend some time over with the Psychology faculty. Maybe they can help. If I were on the board of the Alumni Association I would be calling for an immediate boycott of the university. No donations might get some to realize that their intentionally weakening the reputation of the university in order to promote an extremist anti-administration agenda is both wrong spirited and dangerous to all alumni. Why would I hire someone who went there? What other craziness is going on there that we haven't yet found out about?

I'm not calling for censure, I'm calling for common sense decision making. Nothing is forcing you to bring in Professors or lecturers who do little to increase the knowledge and critical thinking of students and much to give your university a bad name. I find it very hard to believe you couldn't find anyone on Earth better to lecture there than Dr. Barrett. Would you ever invite a lecturer there to hail the Bush doctrine as the best poitical doctrine in our nations history. The answer is no and the reason is because you are not actually interested in a diversity of ideas, but wish only to indoctrinate your students in leftist extremism. If it comes to the color of their skin you are all for diversity. When it come to ideas, they can only be from the left. Do you now think I'm some lone right-wing nut? I would be willing to bet many millions of poeple argee with me. Also,

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From: Rick Davis [rdavis@yin.or.jp]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 11:25 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Right choice on Barrett

Dear Mr. Farrell,

As a UW-Madison alumnus (BA 1976, MA 1982), I applaud your decision to keep Kevin Barrett on the staff. It was the right way to go. Academia should not have to toe the government line or shy away from controversy.

I hope you continue your work in that spirit.

Rick Davis
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From: Steve Brown [golferbf77@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 11:06 PM

To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu

Subject: Good decision on Barrett

Sir,

Very good and proper decision on the Barrett situation. He is a fine scholar and a good teacher. I have followed his work on this outlandish 9/11 thing and find him to be a very intelligent, patriotic and courageous American intellectual.

Sincerely,

Bob Foster
Palo Alto, CA

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Cc: Rep.Nass@legis.state.wi.us; mark.green@mail.house.gov
Subject: 9/11, Kevin Barrett and your job

Dear Mr. Farrell,

Thank you for standing up for free speech and deciding to retain Mr. Barrett, in spite of the political pressure to keep him. These are the times when we can appreciate the First Amendment, and why Independence was declared.

P.S. It's time for those who still accept the official 9/11 story to start doing more to defend it than attack those who question it, considering more Americans now support a new 9/11 investigation than support either the Democrats or the Republicans-
<http://www.zogby.com/features/features.dbm?ID=231>

This is not suprising at all considering the official story is supported by so many holes and lies, and contradicted by many established facts and news reports. If the official story wasn't so indefensible, Kevin Barrett could be dismissed as crazy or ill-willed- but the official story is indefensible, and he cannot be dismissed. Mr. Barrett has expressed the views of many millions of Americans, our numbers are growing and the numbers of those who think nothing's wrong with the official story are dwindling.

Top 40 Reasons to Doubt the Official 9/11 Story <http://www.911truth.org/article.php?story=20041221155307646>

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Zogby Poll Finds Over 70 Million Voting Age Americans Support New 9/11 Investigation (Less than half trust the "Official Story") <http://www.911truth.org/article.php?story=20060522022041421>

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Subject: Barrets views:

Mr. Farrell,

One needs to only see the interview on the cable channel and it is quickly realized that Mr. Barret is mentally unstable. I expect the University will soon realize that as well !

regards,
A. Parent Boston

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