

Quote of the Month

"The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively."

-Bob Marley

Utilities Exert Influence Through Universities to Sway Regulatory and Political Debate

Huffington Post
1/21/2016

By: Gabe Elsner

Through university courses, conferences, and reports facilitated by academic staff, the utility industry and its trade association, the Edison Electric Institute, have boosted lobbying efforts targeting state government officials and decision makers.

According to a report released today by Energy and Policy Institute, university-based institutes and faculty provide an avenue for utility special interests to educate regulators and advocate for favorable policies and regulatory regimes under the guise of an academic veil. Institutes and staff funded by industry and based at Louisiana State University, New Mexico State University, Harvard University, and the University of Wisconsin produced reports, opinion pieces, and educational events that ultimately support the utility industry's positions in regulatory and political discussions on the future of the electric industry.

With clean energy sources becoming more competitive each day, fossil fuel interests continue to spread misinformation in an effort to slow the deployment of sustainable energy solutions, and are now using universities to echo their anti-clean energy message. Universities need to prevent faculty and programs from being influenced by special interests, especially while they are receiving funding from corporations and trade associations. Otherwise, they run the risk of losing credibility and appearing like pay-to-play advocacy groups instead of independent academic institutions.

Case Studies of Utility Influence at Universities...

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/gabe-elsner/utilities-exert-influence_b_9043838.html

Conference to Tackle Students Cheating

1/30/2016

Emirates 24/7 News

A new conference on academic integrity is set to come to Dubai in March 2016, bringing together educators, students and industry to discuss, create and promote a culture of integrity across school and university campuses in the region.

Running from 26 – 28 March 2016, the International Conference on Academic Integrity Middle East Chapter (ICAI-ME) has been organised by the University of Wollongong in Dubai (UOWD) in collaboration with the International Centre

ICAI Goes to Greece!

ICAI has partnered with Erasmus Tours & Travel and DERE – The American College of Greece to bring its first major European event to the Mediterranean region! The conference will run during September 8-10, 2016 with the theme "Integrity as a Way Forward." The conference will be held at DERE in Athens, Greece, and we welcome participants from all corners of the Earth to join us for an exciting time of discussion, collaboration, new initiatives, and more!

This event is not possible without the diverse sessions and presentations individuals and groups have to offer, of course. We hope you will consider submitting your proposal to present at the conference – you have through June 1st, 2016 to submit your proposal! Submit it here: <http://www.academicintegrity.org/icai/events-4.php>

For more information on the event, you can check out both ICAI's "Other Events" page and the event microsite. For questions or comments, please reach out to the Organizing Committee, represented by Sam Goodman, at sbgoodm@clermson.edu or 864.656.1293.

Event microsite: <http://icai2016.org/>

Event info on ICAI site: <http://www.academicintegrity.org/icai/events-3.php>

We hope to see you in Athens in September!

for Academic Integrity (Rutland Institute for Ethics, Clemson University).

The conference program will feature an array of original research, best practice examples, expert advice and fresh perspectives on topics such as plagiarism, cheating and possibilities of honour codes and councils.

Keynote speakers include Tracey Bretag from the University of South Australia and Teresa Fishman...

<http://www.emirates247.com/news/conference-to-tackle-students-cheating-2016-01-30-1.619180>

Announcements

ICAI-Middle East Conference

Exploring Emerging Academic Integrity Issues in Education Sectors

University of Wollongong in Dubai
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
March 26-28, 2016

Information:

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Australian National University Students Buying Finished Assignments?

By: Sanjog Dutta 1/2016
Australia Network News

A top-ranking Canberra-based university is now investigating claims students bought finished assignments from an 'essay farm.' According to PRIME7, the concerns were first raised with the Australian National University by former students.

"Students thinking of using these websites should think twice," Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Hughes-Warrington said.

"Those who get caught cheating risk disciplinary action, the most serious of which is expulsion from the university. It just isn't worth the risk."

The company, Assignment King, promises to deliver original assignments that cannot be detected by anti-plagiarism software. The service claims to have 250 writers who have graduated from top Australian universities, including The University of Melbourne, The University of Sydney and The University of Queensland.

Around 51 cases of academic misconduct, including cheating, using an essay farm and plagiarism, were found at ANU last year...

<http://www.australianetworknews.com/australian-national-university-students-buying-finished-assignments-investigations/>

Newton Rewrote Rules but Here's How Cheating is Still Rampant in College

By: Dennis Dodd 1/30/2016
CBS Sports

When considering Cam Newton's legacy in the run-up to the Super Bowl, don't forget his father.

While son has rewritten the record books, dad has rewritten the NCAA manual. It is because of Cecil Newton that parents aren't allowed to sell the services of their children to schools.

Yes, there is such a rule. There has to be such a rule because of Cam's pop. The NCAA admonished Cecil for his actions in 2010 when he tried to extract a reported \$180,000 from Mississippi State for his son to become a Bulldog. What, you forgot?

This is not Cam-hating. This is rule-updating as we chug toward National Signing Day. The sophistication of wrongdoers seems to know no boundaries.

Who knew that a parent could be considered an unscrupulous "agent?" Actually, that's the civil way to put it. In instituting the Cecil Newton rule four years ago this month, the NCAA said "an industry of individuals has been created ..."

<http://www.cbssports.com/collegefootball/writer/dennis-dodd/25467123/newton-rewrote-rules-but-heres-how-cheating-is-still-rampant-in-college>

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