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Gary L. Wamsley, Editor
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Blacksburg, VA 24061

Dear Dr. Wamsley:

A while back, a group of Kean University faculty members began to suspect that Dawood Farahi has falsified his academic credentials. Farahi has been Kean University president since 2003.

Our suspicion led us to investigate. For the relevant journals, we have checked their web sites and their hard copy bound volumes. We have also checked electronic bibliographic databases. The results of this investigation support our suspicion, but we want to confirm our findings; hence this letter.

Has your journal published, or at any time accepted for publication but not published, the following paper:

AUTHOR: Farahi, Dawood (sometimes Dawood Y. Farahi)

TITLE OF PAPER: Patterns of Administrative Efficiency

Why do we ask if your journal has accepted for publication a paper Farahi wrote, even if the paper was not published? In his conflicting vitae, Farahi does not use proper bibliographic format to refer to his alleged work. He gives just the title of each paper followed by "accepted by . . ." This has made our investigation difficult and time consuming. Our lack of bibliographic specificity reflects Farahi's.

- over, please -

Farahi claims that *Administrative Science Quarterly* and *Management Science* also accepted "Patterns of Administrative Efficiency" for publication. Considering that we have not found the paper where it ought to be if published, the claim that three journals accepted it is implausible. Journals rarely, if ever, publish articles other journals have published; if a journal accepts a paper, its author cannot submit it to another journal. Moreover, no candidate for tenure, promotion, or post-tenure review, as Farahi was, would miss three opportunities to publish his work.

Due to the sensitive nature of this inquiry, please reply to my home address, not to my campus address. The two forms for Certified Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and a check for \$10 payable to the journal, are enclosed. My home address is:

Jesús A. Díaz



The factual question in this letter is the only request we will make of you.

Sincerely,


Jesús A. Díaz, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
of Philosophy

January 2, 2012

Jesus Diaz, Ph.D.
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Dear Professor Diaz:

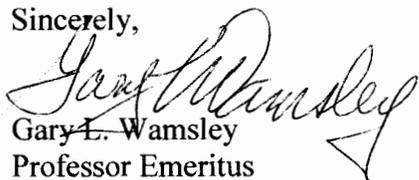
This is written in response to your request for information regarding a manuscript alleged by Dr. Dawood Farahi to have been accepted for publication in *Administration & Society*. We cannot find a manuscript by Dr. Farahi in any of our back issues, nor do we still have any copies of manuscripts that might have been held in our files awaiting revision by the authors any earlier than 2008. Therefore, we conclude that no such manuscript was published. We cannot say with certainty, however, that Dr. Farahi did not receive some communication from *A&S* that he might have chosen to interpret or describe as “accepted.” The list of responses to authors who have submitted manuscripts is as follows:

- Reject Negative (no chance of revision and resubmission)
- Reject (extensive revision and resubmission conceivable but odds are against acceptance)
- Revise & Resubmit Neutral (without encouragement)
- Revise & Resubmit Positive (with encouragement to revise and resubmit)
- Accept (suggested changes to be met before contract)
- Accept

Without commenting on the wisdom or the professional propriety, it is conceivable that a person might choose to interpret any of the last three as “accepted” and intend to make the necessary revisions soon, but then find that things happen that preclude revisions and the individual removes the item in question from future curriculum vitae.

I am sure none of this gives you the certainty you seek, but it is the best information I can provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary L. Wamsley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gary L. Wamsley

Professor Emeritus

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