

My question to the Graduate Division Assistant Dean following my termination:
“Does the Graduate Division check the veracity of the information on which it bases its student termination decisions?”

The Assistant Dean’s reply: ***“We cannot be expected to do that.”***

Dr. Kathleen Komar
UCLA Comparative Literature Dept.

My faculty graduate advisor’s email statement to me:

“I will argue that it [the termination decision] indicates that you have been made to pay with your academic career for department error (no copies of probation letters to me), professor and university disorganisation (incompletes not being processed), [and] carelessness by whoever (Harold claimed it was the Grad Division office?) issues the dismissal notice (for their failure to verify the situation).”

Dr. Nicolas Blurton-Jones
UCLA Graduate School of Education

My advisor’s and department head’s letter to administration (in part):

“[N]either of us had been asked for any background information on Mr. Wilde’s case. Nor apparently was much effort taken to verify the apparent facts of Mr. Wilde’s academic record. Incompletes that had been cleared were listed as Fs and no enquiries about their real status or about the student’s general progress were made.”

Dr. Blurton-Jones & Dr. Val Rust
UCLA Graduate School of Education

An outside faculty member’s conclusion drawn from his examination of the facts in my termination:

“The case is clear-cut: they had no basis for dismissing you, as you met the formal qualifications. Moreover, they gave you no other reasons, so any further reasons they give now are beside the point. All this is obvious.”

Dr. Robert Brenner
UCLA History Dept.

My department head’s statement to his colleague on the facts of my termination, and confirmed by me in a subsequent meeting with him:

“This [termination] seems to be a wrong to right”

Dr. Val Rust
UCLA Graduate School of Education