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Dear Howard

We are writing as advisor, and division head, in support of an appeal from Tom Wilde concerning a notice of dismissal from this department. This is a difficult time of year to deal with such a matter but the student's financial situation is desperately threatened by the department's action and so we feel the need to take steps right now. We are sending a copy of this note to our colleagues here, and to the committee originally involved.

In August Mr. Wilde received a letter from GSEIS's Committee on Graduate Degrees, Admissions and Standards (CAGDAS) dismissing him from the program. While a copy of this letter was sent to his department head, no copy was sent to his advisor. More importantly, neither 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.

Mr. Wilde is understandably distressed about this, and while he is in receipt of a letter offering to reconsider his case if he meets a series of conditions before Jan. 8th (upon which one of us was consulted), he feels that the basic issue - dismissal without careful enquiry and verification of facts (due process?) has been ignored, and that he has been wrongly suspended from the University.