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Urgent: Student Rights (FERPA) Violation

3 messages

Joe Kubler <jkubler@uga.edu>**Mon, Aug 2, 2010 at 9:32 PM**

To: presuga@uga.edu

Cc: dezsobenedek@gmail.com, balik.marton@rekthiv.elte.edu, rlloyd@ierf.org, ferpa@ed.gov

Dear President Adams:

My name is Joe Kubler. To date, we have not yet met, however I believe my uncle, Dr. Eli Capilouto of the University of Alabama Birmingham, is a colleague of yours and has mentioned sharing your acquaintance on multiple occasions. I am currently enrolled at UGA and am currently planning on graduating this December after the completion of two more courses.

I write to you because I feel like I have exhausted my other options and that this is something that you need to know about directly and urgently.

It has come to my attention that the UGA Franklin College of Arts and Sciences sent my 2008 Maymester in Budapest transcript to an academic evaluation agency and requested an evaluation of it. The agency contacted the issuer of my transcript, Eotvos Lorand University (ELTE) and told them that it was I, who provided UGA with this transcript, and that UGA not knowing what the document really was, wanted a quick answer because it was "quite anxious to move forward with their plans for this student," implying that I have committed academic fraud, which I have not.

Needless to say, I have never seen this transcript, which was sent in September 2008 from Hungary directly to UGA. Therefore, I never "provided" the University with anything to act on at my request.

What is more troubling though is that Arts and Sciences sent out my official transcript with my name, social security number and grades without my explicit permission, as FERPA rules would require. (In the attached copy of my transcript, my social security is now removed).

When I found out about this, I requested through Open Records the documents related to this issue. I was told that no such documents existed, and when my attorney asked for the same documents, they were denied to him, ironically, due to FERPA restrictions quoted by the University.

I am sure that you also realize that there is something wrong with all this, and I hope that you will be able to look into it and clarify the situation for me.

Cordially,

Joseph (Joe) Kubler

jkubler@uga.edu

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Dezso Benedek <dezsobenedek@gmail.com>
To: Stephen Humphreys <athenslaw@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 2, 2010 at 11:08 PM

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Dezso Benedek <dezsobenedek@gmail.com>
To: Stephen Humphreys <athenslaw@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 20, 2010 at 8:00 AM

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From: Joe Kubler <jkubler@uga.edu>

Date: Mon, Aug 2, 2010 at 9:32 AM

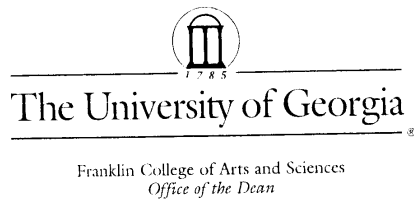
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5 May 2009
Rachel Lloyd, Manager of External Relations
International Education Research Foundation Inc.
Credential Evaluation Service
P.O. Box 3665
Culver City, CA 90231-3665

Dear Ms Lloyd:

Please find enclosed the two transcripts we have discussed.

I would appreciate it if you would send your evaluations directly to me at the following address:

Assoc. Dean Noel Fallows
Dean's Office, Franklin College of Arts & Sciences
University of Georgia
316 Old College
Athens, GA 30602-1732

Or via email to:

nfallows@franklin.uga.edu

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Noel Fallows
Associate Dean

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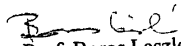
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Mail: Pázmány Péter sétány 1/A, H-1117 Budapest, Hungary
Tel: +36 1 266 4140 E-mail: borl@ludens.elte.hu

Academic Grade and Credit Transfer Transcript

This is to confirm that **Mr. KUBLER, Joseph** () participated in the
Maymester in Budapest Program, between May 15 – June 25, 2008, and has completed
all necessary course requirements with the following results:

Course	Credit	Grade
MM ELTE 3240 – equivalent of UGA CMLT 3240	3	5 = A
MM ELTE 3241 – equivalent of UGA CMLT 3241	3	5 = A
MM ELTE 3990 – equivalent of UGA CMLT 3900	3	5 = A
MM ELTE 4920 – equivalent of UGA LING 4920	3	5 = A


Prof. Boros Laszlo
Head of Department

July 7, 2008

From: Rachel Lloyd [mailto:rlloyd@ierf.org] **Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2009 10:14 PM **To:** rektor@ludens.elte.hu; fotitkar@ludens.elte.hu; nkoinfo@ludens.elte.hu **Subject:** FW: URGENT - Information regarding the verification of a study abroad program

To Whom It May Concern:

I urgently request your assistance. I phoned on June 11, 2009 and was told to make my inquiry via email. I emailed on June 12, June 25, July 20, July 31, 2009 and August 13, 2009. I have not yet received a response. I hope that you can help us with this problem, as University of Georgia, Athens is quite anxious to move forward with their plans for this student. I am forwarding my original email below:

International Educational Research Foundation is a non-profit organization registered in the State of California. We provide educational equivalency assessment to those who have studied outside the United States of America and conduct research on foreign educational systems. University of Georgia, Athens has contacted us with the request that we verify information regarding a student who completed a study abroad program through Eötvös Loránd University. The student, Mr. Joseph Kubler, provided University of Georgia, Athens with a transcript stating he completed several courses at Eötvös Loránd University between May 15 and June 25, 2008 (see attachment). We would like to know the following:

- 1- Is the program in which Mr. Kubler participated a valid, official study abroad program at Eötvös Loránd University?IERFIERF
- 2- Was the transcript that Mr. Kubler submitted genuinely issued by Eötvös Loránd University?
- 3- If Mr. Kubler did complete the program at Eötvös Loránd University, what are the course titles of the listed courses?

IERF genuinely appreciates your help in our efforts to assist University of Georgia, Athens. I look forward to receiving your response soon.

I look forward to your response.

Regards,
Rachel

Rachel Lloyd Manager of External Relations P.O. Box 3665 Culver City, CA 90231 Tel: (310) 258.9451, extension 141 Fax: (310) 342.7086 www.ierf.org

October 15, 2009.

Elaine Wheeler,

This is an interactive form. Please fill in the following information, print a copy and then fax or mail to:

OPEN RECORDS REQUEST FORM

**Office of Public Affairs
286 Oconee St. Suite 200N
Athens, GA 30602
(706) 542-8090
Fax: (706) 542-9492**

Date of Request: September 16, 2009

Requestor: Joseph Kubler Phone # (404) 405-8874

Fax # _____ Email Address jkubler@uga.edu

Requesting Agency/Department: _____

Subject of Request: It came to my attention that in May or June 2009, UGA has asked the International Educational Research Foundation (I.E.R.F.) to verify the validity and academic value of my academic transfer credits, which UGA received from Eotvos Lorand University (ELTE) of Hungary, in the Summer of 2008. Through the Georgia Open Record request I want to examine UGA's letter to I.E.R.F. which has my name in it.

Comments: (If known - where requested information can be found or to whom [which department] can request be forwarded to):

This information should be available in any or all of the following offices: Office of the Dean of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, Admission's Office, Office of International Education, Registrar's Office.

Please send the requested item to my address:

Mr. Joseph Kubler
335 North Pope Street
Athens, GA 30601

Reviewed by _____ Date Data entered: _____

From: **Mitch Clayton** <mitchc@uga.edu>
Date: Wed, Sep 23, 2009 at 2:32 PM
Subject: Re: Open Record Request
To: jkubler@uga.edu

Mr. Kubler,

The university has processed your attached request under the Georgia Open Records Act and found no responsive documents. However, you should contact Associate Dean Noel Fallows to discuss this matter. He can be reached in the Arts and Sciences Dean's Office at 706-542-3400 or at nfallows@uga.edu.

Mitch...

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Mitch Clayton
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