

Complainant Information

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Violation Information

I became aware of actions potentially in violation of USC 26 501 (c) 3 beginning in January of 2008. I am employed as a teaching assistant within the Department of Political Science at Purdue University. As is Laurent Wrzesinski, the individual named in this complaint along with Purdue University. During the months of January and February of 2008, I observed the production of an unknown quantity of printed materials on behalf of the presidential campaign of Barack Obama. It is my belief that the quantity of materials printed by Mr. Wrzesinski includes thousands of pages of material having a value in excess of \$200, thus meeting the FEC threshold for reporting of contributions.

I have attached MS-Word copies of several of the documents I observed being printed at the expense of Purdue University, an IRS 501 (c) 3 organization, in the computer laboratories operated by the Department of Political Science. Mr. Wrzesinski is an employee of this department, and has used printers and computers in the laboratories located in Beering Hall 2208 and 2245 in order to produce materials intended to influence the outcome of the 2008 Democratic Presidential Primary. The expense of printing in these laboratories is charged to the Department of Political Science. As part of the benefits provided to students for paying tuition, they are provided a balance of \$40.00 for use in personal printing within computer laboratories.

The materials I observed being printed in Beering Hall 2208 and 2245 were not charged to the \$40.00 printing balance that Mr. Wrzesinski and others receive in exchange for the payment of tuition. I have included an example of the type of receipt individuals receive when printing materials charged to their personal account in Appendix 1. Printing occurring within the laboratories located in Beering Hall 2208 and 2245 is not charged to the individual, subsequently no receipt indicating the cost of the printing is provided to the individual. Printing within these laboratories occurs at the expense of the Department of Political Science, a subdivision of Purdue University, an IRS 501 (c) 3 organization.

Again, it is my belief that at least 4,000 copies valued at \$0.05 per copy when printed at individual expense in laboratories in which the individual receives a printed receipt where printed by Mr. Wrzesinski in Beering Hall 2208 and 2245. Mr. Wrzesinski is an employee of the

Department of Political Science. It is my belief that printed materials having a fair use value of at least \$200 were printed by Mr. Wrzesinski. Upon becoming aware of what I believed to be a violation of the obligations of Purdue University as an IRS 501 (c) 3 organization, I contacted Dr. Tom Atkinson, the ombudsperson within the Purdue University Graduate School in order to report what I believe to be a violation and prompt action by Purdue University in order to prevent its recurrence.

In subsequent email communication, I provided the MS-Word copies of the materials printed by Mr. Wrzesinski to Dr. Atkinson. The file properties of these documents indicated the time and date of their creation, and that they were created on computers operated by Purdue University. I have subsequently been able to obtain an admission by Mr. Wrzesinski that he made an unknown quantity of campaign materials on printers in the department in which he was employed at departmental expense. I have included on the attached CD a series of .wav files recorded during a conversation between myself and Mr. Wrzesinski in which he confesses to having printed an unknown quantity of campaign materials, which he acknowledges may have a value in the several hundreds of dollars.

I have attempted to resolve this matter, and prompt a disavowal of Mr. Wrzesinski's actions through contact with Purdue University administration. After providing both verbal details and documentary proof in the form of the attached MS-Word files, I have been informed that no action will be taken by the University. In a meeting involving Dr. Tom Atkinson, Dr. Thomas Berndt, and Dr Stephen Akers, I was provided with the attached document containing an asterisk in the upper left hand corner. This document cites information from the IRS publication "Election Year Issues" available at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-tege/eotopici02.pdf>. I was informed in this meeting that the University would no disavow Mr. Wrzesinski's actions, and that Mr. Wrzesinski had been informed that he would be allowed to continue the printing of materials of the type provided in this complaint on laboratories operated by the Department of Political Science.

It is as a result of this failure on the part of Purdue University to disavow Mr. Wrzesinski's actions that I am filing this complaint. It is my sincere hope that the Commission may act to prevent the use of taxpayer funded resources to support partisan politics. I may be reached at the mailing address listed above or by email at manfrommiddletown@lycos.com in the case that any questions should arise in the processing of this complaint.

Signed and sworn to before me

Complainant Signature
