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Grant MacEwan University Faculty Association

Mr. Jerry Zdril

Re: concerns regarding Dr. David Higgins letter of 01 April 2011

In reviewing Dr. David Higgins disciplinary letter of 01 April 2011, We — [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] — would like to correct some of the information he presents in his letter.

In his letter, Point 5 states that [REDACTED] concluded that the 27 January presentation by Dr. Joe Schwarcz *would not* be appropriate for students. Point 8 states that, in a meeting with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] informed Dr. Higgins that we believed the 27 January event *would* be appropriate for students. Dr. Higgins appears to have interpreted this inconsistency as [REDACTED] providing him with false information. [REDACTED] believes that Dr. Higgins reporting of his statement is incorrect.

The 27 January 2011 presentation was the Edmonton kick-off of the International Year of Chemistry (IYC2011). The Telus World of Science (TWOs) was chosen to host this event because of their location and facilities. The TWOs coordinated seating for this event and allocated 150 tickets to the Chemical Society of Canada (CSC) to distribute to its members. These members include over 500 chemistry professionals in the greater Edmonton area. The tickets were distributed first to CSC members and the remaining tickets were to be distributed to MacEwan, UofA, NAIT, and Kings University students.

This presentation would have been ideal for students. However, we believed that student interest would far overwhelm the limited number of remaining tickets. Consequently, we chose not to inform MacEwan, UofA, NAIT, and Kings University students of this presentation.

Thank-you,

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