

This case originated in a May 28, 1992 letter from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] University (the complainants) to the Division [REDACTED] which in turn referred it to OIG. In their letter, the complainants reported that [REDACTED] (the subject), chair of the [REDACTED] Department in the College of [REDACTED] University, had submitted a proposal to NSF [REDACTED]. The complainants apparently believed that the subject had committed misconduct in that he had submitted a proposal to NSF even though he was not affiliated with a science or engineering department and in that he may have misrepresented his affiliation as part of his proposal.

NSF regulations in no way prohibit faculty in business schools from submitting proposals. The NSF Grants for Research and Education in Science and Engineering application guide (GRESE) specifies subject matters appropriate for NSF grants, but in no way forbids [REDACTED] school faculty from applying. The subject had a clear right to submit a proposal and therefore cannot have committed misconduct in doing so.

The subject's proposal clearly and accurately states his institutional affiliation, both on the cover page and in the executive summary on page 1. Hence he is not guilty of misrepresentation.

This case should be closed and no further action taken.

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