

Tourtelott, James

From: Collins, Judy on behalf of Paredes, Raymond Dr.
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 9:10 AM
To: Collins, Judy
Subject: FW: graduate degrees for Institute for Creation Research

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Judy Collins
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----
From: Daniel Foster [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 11:40 AM
To: Paredes, Raymond Dr.
Subject: graduate degrees for Institute for Creation Research

Dear Dr. Paredes:
I am writing as President of the Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Science of Texas, the organization of all members of the National Academies of Science who live in Texas (the elite scientists of the state) to urge rejection of the application of the Institute for Creation Research for certification to award on-line masters degrees in science education. We respectfully urge that you and the Coordinating Board answer the request in the negative. We should only teach true science in Texas schools and universities, not pseudoscience. It is crucially important for our students and for the state. It will be a very negative thing if our state becomes labeled as anti-science.

I add that I am an active Christian, an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Dallas, where I teach a bible class with 250 members weekly and have done so for more than 20 years.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Foster, M.D.

For purposes of identification I am the John Denis McGarry, PhD Distinguished Chair in Diabetes and Metabolic Research and Professor of Internal Medicine, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Contact 214 648 8068

Tourtelott, James

From: Paredes, Raymund Dr.

Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2008 10:28 AM

To: Tourtelott, James

Subject: FW: Please do not approve the proposal by the Institute of Creation Research for a masters degree in science education.

-----Original Message-----

From: Paredes, Raymund Dr.

Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 6:13 PM

To: 'Robert Curl'

Subject: RE: Please do not approve the proposal by the Institute of Creation Research for a masters degree in science education.

Professor Curl, thanks for your comments. As you certainly understand, the Coordinating Board is required to give the proposal from the Institute of Creation Research a fair hearing. I am certainly aware of the issues you raise and they will be taken fully into account. I can tell you that a key criterion for assessing the proposed program—apart from the quality of the training in science—will be the potential contribution it might make to better preparing high school graduates in Texas for college-level science courses. We will also be concerned not to do anything that will damage the reputation of Texas as a place to do serious scientific research.

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Curl [mailto:████████████████████]

Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 9:41 AM

To: Paredes, Raymund Dr.

Subject: Please do not approve the proposal by the Institute of Creation Research for a masters degree in science education.

Dear Dr. Paredes:

I understand that "an advisory council made up of university educators" voted to recommend to you the Masters of Science Education program from the Institute of Creation Research for approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. A science education program based upon Creationism is ridiculous. Creationism is not science, and never can be because it is not open to contradiction. If this program wins approval from HECB, Texas will replace Kansas as the laughingstock of the nation.

The separation of church and state in the U.S. Constitution forbids public support of religious instruction. Students and faculty of the Institute for Creation Research must profess faith in a literal translation of Biblical creation. How can graduates of this program teach evolution objectively in a public school classroom? By accrediting the program from which they earned their degrees, HECB would be legitimizing bringing their religious bias into the instruction of Texas school children.

Sincerely yours,

Robert F. Curl

Nobel Laureate in Chemistry 1996

Kenneth S. Pizer-Schlumberger Professor of Natural Sciences Emeritus

Tourtelott, James

From: Collins, Judy on behalf of Paredes, Raymund Dr.
Sent: Friday, January 04, 2008 11:59 AM
To: Collins, Judy
Subject: FW: Institute for Creation Research

Judy Collins
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----
From: Alfred Gilman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2008 8:32 AM
To: Paredes, Raymund Dr.
Subject: Institute for Creation Research

Dr. Paredes,
Genie Scott of the National Center for Science Education shared with me the letter she sent you a few days ago. Since I doubt that you need more to read, I'll be brief and simply endorse Genie's letter completely. The latest round of so-called creation science truly scares me and all of my colleagues here at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Approval of this sort of nonsense as science in Texas will have a significant negative impact on our ability to attract the best minds to the state. How can Texas simultaneously launch a war on cancer and approve educational platforms that submit that the universe is 10,000 years old? This makes no sense. We know that you have been placed in a difficult position. Please know that the vast, vast majority of real scientists in the state and country will applaud you if approval to grant a master's degree in science education is denied to the ICR.

Al Gilman (Nobel Prize, 1994)

Alfred G. Gilman, M.D., Ph.D.
[REDACTED]

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Dean, Southwestern Medical School
Room B11.200
5323 Harry Hines Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75390-9003
[REDACTED]

Tourtelott, James

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2008 10:53 AM
To: Paredes, Raymund Dr.

Dear Dr. Paredes,

Thank you so much for the fair evaluation that you will give the ICR. I am an educated man with a doctor's degree, yet I fully agree with the Institute's plans to present the Christian view of our origins. I believe that Christian views, as taught by the Institute, are logical, well thought out and need to be taught to those who choose to learn. I'm sure that you understand that views opposed to ours are just as hurtful to Christians as ours are to our opponents. May God bless you in your endeavors to be fair. I will pray for God's strength and wisdom to guide you.

Dr. Rudy Dunningan
Ashland, Kentucky

Tourtelott, James

From: Paredes, Raymund Dr.
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2008 1:49 PM
To: Collins, Judy
Subject: FW: ICR review

-----Original Message-----

From: Kent Davey, [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2008 1:41 PM
To: Paredes, Raymund Dr.
Subject: ICR review

Dear Dr. Paredes,

I am the senior research scientist at the University of Texas, research center on electromechanics, an IEEE fellow, and editor of IEEE transactions on Magnetics. Please give ICR a fair review in the upcoming THECB committee review. I am persuaded that the creation worldview has a firm place in science.

Respectfully,
Kent Davey, PhD

Senior Research Scientist
10100 Burnet Rd., EME 133
J.J. Pickle Research Campus
Center for Electromechanics, U. Texas
Austin, TX 78758
[REDACTED]

Tourtelott, James

From: Paredes, Raymund Dr.
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2008 1:49 PM
To: Collins, Judy
Subject: FW: ICR

-----Original Message-----

From: Kcpriest@aol.com [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2008 1:38 PM
To: Paredes, Raymund Dr.
Subject: ICR

Dear Dr. Paredes:

Please do not censor the Institute of Creation Research (ICR).

I am a recently retired public middle school mathematics teacher in West Virginia with over 30 years experience as an educator including administration.

For the last five years of my full-time career, with the full knowledge of State, County, and ACLU officials, I demonstrated to my students that mathematics proves beyond the shadow of doubt that evolutionism is nonsense. The students saw that the evidence clearly shows that every item associated with humans, animals and plants are Intelligent Designs and Intelligent Design is science because it is observable by billions of people trillions of times, always has been, always will be. I always let them figure it out for themselves and allowed them to believe what they chose, but at least they were exposed to the scientific facts that extremists want to censor from the minds of public school students. After the lesson a student from an atheist family said, "Evolution is silly."

Evolutionists are bluffing when they say their beliefs are scientific. Be sure to look at the list of evolutionists who refuse the debate challenge from Dr. Joseph Mastropalo. See the list at <http://www.lifescienceprize.org/>

Sincerely,

Karl Priest
141 Karmel Lane
Poca, WV 25159
[redacted]

Start the year off right. Easy ways to stay in shape in the new year.