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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I04080028

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OIG received a letter stating that a university professor¹, who supervised students/fellows who worked on an NSF grant², allegedly "fined" students \$100 for each week they were late in submitting grant related paperwork. The letter also stated that a fellowship recipient was terminated from his position on the grant and his tuition waiver was revoked.

Additional documents indicated that these allegations had been referred to the university³ and a university counsel had found that the student had failed to become a graduate student and, thus, was not eligible for the fellowship funding. The university had reviewed the termination issue and concluded that it was appropriate.

We contacted the university counsel to determine if "fines" had been levied against students who had worked on the grant. The university counsel confirmed that the professor had threatened, in an e-mail, to "fine" fellows who were late in submitting grant related paperwork. However, the university had reviewed the matter and found that no fines were levied and professor was advised not to issue any type of fines.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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