

Closeout for M97040012

The complainant¹ sent a letter to a program officer² who forwarded it to OIG on April 15, 1997. The complainant alleged that her colleagues and administrators had interfered with her completion of her NSF-funded project,³ and one administrator⁴ in particular had been harassing her. The administrator allegedly arranged to have the complainant denied access to basic departmental facilities and equipment necessary for her program. The complainant also alleged that she had not be given any release time from her teaching duties as required by her NSF grant. The complainant did not bring these problems to the attention of NSF at the time they were allegedly happening.

The complainant alleged that the administrator gave her a biased tenure review and convinced the tenure committee that the complainant's contract not be renewed. The committee accepted this recommendation. The complainant filed a grievance, but the decision was upheld after two subsequent grievance hearings.

OIG called the complainant to ask for support of the allegations. Due to a pending agreement with the College, the complainant said she can no longer discuss anything related to her grievances and suggested we contact the College for further information. The College said that that information was confidential and would not discuss it either.

With no corroborating evidence and no forthcoming comments from either the complainant or subject, OIG concluded that there was insufficient information to pursue this allegation.

This inquiry is closed and no further action will be taken on this case.

cc: Legal, AIG-Oversight, IG

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