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**Kean University Union releases findings challenging President's resume claims**

*Calls on Kean Trustees to initiate an independent, academic investigation*

**UNION, NJ...**The Kean University full-time faculty and professional staff Union has presented evidence of suspected fraud by President Dawood Farahi, the latest in a series of scandals that have plagued his presidency, and is calling for a full and independent investigation by the Kean University Board of Trustees, according to Union President Dr. James A. Castiglione.

Research by faculty members on and off campus has documented that Dr. Farahi's resume and application for employment contain false claims of scholarship in the opinion of the Kean Federation of Teachers.

- Dr. Farahi's curriculum vitae (CV) claims "Over 50 technical articles in major publications" but extensive searches of scholarly databases find no such publications.
- Dr. Farahi's application for employment claims several publications that cannot be substantiated and several that have been refuted by the editors of their respective journals. For example, although Dr. Farahi claims to have an article titled, "Patterns of Administrative Efficiency" accepted for publication in *Administrative Science Quarterly* in 1981, the journal editor specifically refutes Dr. Farahi's claim, stating emphatically, "ASQ has never published an article by Dawood Farahi, nor have we ever accepted an article by Dawood Farahi..."

Based on these findings, Dr. Castiglione wrote to the Kean University Board of Trustees on Nov. 29, 2011 calling for a full investigation. "Given the seriousness of the allegations, and the potential damage to the university, it is incumbent on the Board to have an independent academic investigation and address these claims without delay."

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The Union is acting as guardian of the public trust in demanding accountability on behalf of students, parents and the community, according to Dr. Castiglione. Despite increasing enrollment at Kean, New Jersey's third-largest university, Dr. Farahi has closed academic departments, laid-off critical student advisors, reduced the number of full-time faculty and increased tuition and fees to pay for debt that has skyrocketed over 600% under Farahi.

"Misrepresentation of credentials should not be tolerated in any workplace," said Castiglione. "Our Union stands for preserving the academic integrity, credibility and reputation of our University."

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**About the Kean Federation of Teachers, AFT, AFL-CIO**

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*We protect and advance the terms and conditions of employment for our members, professional educators and staff committed to their students and to their support by Kean University. The KFT is a democratic, inclusive, strong union local with over 80% membership. We are proud of our members' work with their students and for the union.*