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Kean University Union Calls on Governor for External Investigation *Allegations of resume fraud risk further accreditation, NCAA sanctions*

UNION, NJ...The Kean University full-time faculty and professional staff union has released a letter today calling for Governor Chris Christie to convene an independent investigation into allegations that Kean President Dawood Farahi has falsified his professional and academic credentials dating back to his application for employment in 1982. Since first writing to the Kean Board of Trustees nearly two months ago, union President Dr. James A. Castiglione reports receiving more documentation that items listed on Dr. Farahi's resumes over the last three decades are inaccurate, prompting the call to investigate.

Dr. Castiglione, a physics professor, wrote to the Governor:

"The Board's sluggish, inadequate response does not address the potential damage that these allegations have on impending Middle States accreditation and NCAA reviews. It is urgent that this matter be promptly and thoroughly investigated by an independent body above reproach."

The union is acting as the guardian of the public trust in demanding accountability on behalf of students, parents, and the community, according to Castiglione. He notes that after releasing initial findings detailing false publication claims, members of the American Federation of Teachers local have done further research to determine that a claim by Dr. Farahi that he was a member of a journal's editorial board is false, in their opinion, and the only conference presentation he lists shows an organization that does not exist.

Under Dr. Farahi's failed leadership, New Jersey's third-largest university 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%, according to Castiglione.

Dr. Castiglione said, "Now, we are reaching out to the Governor's office to assure that there will be no cover-up, no falsification of records, and no retaliation for whistle-blowing. The Kean Federation of Teachers is standing up for preserving the academic integrity, credibility and reputation of our University."

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

Established in 1978, the Kean Federation of Teachers (KFT) is a union of approximately 500 professors, professional staff and librarians. KFT Local 2187 is a member of the national American Federation of Teachers (AFT), state American Federation of Teachers New Jersey (AFTNJ) and of the AFL-CIO. The KFT is one of the locals under the Council of New Jersey State College/University Locals (CNJSCL), the statewide bargaining agent for more than 8,000 professional employees in 11 state college locals in New Jersey.

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.