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## The Revised Site Visit Agreement

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Ms. Amy E. Ferrer Executive Director The American Philosophical Association

Dear Amy,

On February 2, I sent the letter that I'm now forwarding to you to Professor Valerie Hardcastle, and, as you see, I copied you in. I was hoping that, since Professor Hardcastle appeared to be stonewalling, you would intervene, and send along the updated "CSW Site Visit Process and Expectations" document in which the Philosophy Department was informed that that the site visit report would be sent to Dean Leigh and Provost Moore, along with Professor Forbes' email signing off on that revised arrangement.

I mentioned to a friend that I hadn't heard back from you, and he said that there was a statement by you on the *Leiter Reports: A Philosophy Blog* website. So I took a look today, and found the following:

Amy Ferrer, Executive Director of the APA, writes with the following helpful information:

Just wanted to get in touch regarding your addendum to your most recent post on CU Boulder.

It was the understanding of the site visit program that the request for the site visit at CU Boulder came from the dean, the provost, and the department. In keeping with the site visit program's policies, it therefore released the report directly to those three parties.

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I found this statement slightly surprising in view of the fact that you knew, from my letter to Professor Hardcastle that I copied you in on, that the Philosophy Department does not accept the claim that, before the visit took place on September 25-28, both Dean Steven Leigh and Provost Russell Moore requested the site visit. So my question is whether you have just taken the site visit team's word for this, or whether you asked for documentation showing that such requests were made before the site visit took place.

Thanks for your assistance.

Best regards,

Michael

----- Forwarded message ------From: **Michael Tooley** <michael.tooley.7@gmail.com> Date: Sun, Feb 2, 2014 at 10:39 PM Subject: Re: The Revised Site Visit Agreement To: "Hardcastle, Valerie (hardcave)" <hardcave@ucmail.uc.edu>, Amy Ferrer <aferrer@udel.edu> Professor Valerie Gray Hardcastle Team Leader, Site Visit Committee

Dear Valerie,

Let me try one final letter. I've once again attached the document Graeme Forbes sent along to us, and in which there is no reference to any threefold request from the Department of Philosophy plus the Dean and the Provost. My question is whether there is some later document that you sent along to Graeme, *before the site visit on* **September 25-28**, indicating that the Site Visit Report would go to the Dean and the Provost, in addition to the Philosophy Department, and on which Graeme then signed off.

If there is such a document, and such a letter from Graeme Forbes, then please send those along to Graeme. Doing so cannot violate anyone's confidentiality in any way.

Best regards,

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**Amy Ferrer** <aferrer@udel.edu> To: Michael Tooley <michael.tooley.7@gmail.com> Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 1:07 PM

Dear Michael,

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your email. I was out of the office for several days because of family obligations. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

As you are aware, the site visit program operates independently of the APA; as such, any questions about the program's policies and procedures should be directed to the program director, Peggy DesAutels. That is why you did not receive a response from me on your email to Valerie Hardcastle—your request was to the site visit program and only the site visit program can respond.

With regard to your question about my comment to Leiter Reports, that statement was based on my conversations with Peggy DesAutels in her capacity as site visit program director. She did not provide me documentation; since the site visit program operates independently of the APA, I would not be privy to such documentation.

I hope this answers your questions. Please feel free to be in touch if you have any further inquiries, and thanks again for your understanding.

All the best,

Amy

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