

## Confronting misconduct at top institution – what are right things to do

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**Abstract:** The year of 2012 is particular for the science community to focus on research misconduct, as advocated by peer reviewed journals, “Time to act” (*BMJ*, January 4, 2012) and “Time is right to confront misconduct” (*Nature*, August 2, 2012). Are top institutions really ready to confront misconduct? The author confronted misconduct at one of the high influential institutions in the United States once in May and once in June of 2012. The report here is not a survey of multiple cases of research misconduct, unlike the majority of peer reviewed papers. The author reports an in depth studying of confronting misconduct, a single case of many years, which may provide more details and unique properties that a group survey may be unable to cover, and which is the author’s personal witnesses of the violating of common ethics code by two senior professors. This case is then complicated with two additional findings, twenty five years of dishonesty by one senior professor in peer reviewed publications etc., and thirty years of dishonesty by another senior professor in grant applications, research presentations, bio sketch and etc. This case is also a live one – it is actually still in developing. Criminal issues of perjury have also emerged. Moreover, dramatic event may happen anytime - the institution continues to ignore the more important issues and lead the case heading in wrong direction by common standard. The author presents clear cut facts from the case for comment, discussion, debate and learning. The author believes that the institute should handle the case in a right direction. This case may reflect a worldly problematic culture in academia – world leaders may have been trained inappropriately. It, therefore, can be transformational. The detailed true story from the author’s account is unpublished, but made links available on request.

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