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Subject: FW: RE: Please help us to check and confirm if Miss Ing-Wen Tsai is a real Phd?
Date: 04 October 2019 10:12:00

These are all the follow ups on Tsai.

I think we can answer these. But do we want to?

- As indicated in much of the correspondence to [REDACTED] and others - All PhDs from that period were awarded via the University of London and would have been sent **first** to their Senate House Library. It is clear from Senate House Library records that a copy was received. Records at Senate House also confirm they sent their copy of the thesis to the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) -there is a listing of Dr Ing-Wen's thesis 'Unfair trade practices and safeguard actions' In the IALS index document "Legal Research in the United Kingdom 1905-1984", which was published in 1985. However, subsequently, neither Senate House nor IALS have been able to locate a copy of the thesis. To summarise, the records of Senate House and IALS show they received the copy of the thesis but they can no longer find it.
- There has been a fundamental misunderstanding of the LSE Library's initial comments. The LSE Library never received the thesis *back* from the University of London's Senate House or IALS. It was *not* the case that Tsai failed to deliver the dissertation at the time. As indicated above, records indicate she did hand in her dissertation and took part in an oral examination.
- Colleagues in the LSE library have confirmed that other dissertations have been misplaced by Senate House and were never delivered back to LSE. (Can get an example from Clive...)
- LSE can confirm Michael Elliot was her supervisor for her PhD. It is not unusual for supervisors to continue overseeing students even if they move to different institutions.
- Details about examiners would be held by the University of London, as the degree awarding body at the time. However, this information would not normally be shared under UK data protection rules.

As LSE has confirmed repeatedly, we can confirm that Dr Ing-Wen was correctly awarded a PhD in Law in 1984. We consider this matter closed.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 October 2019 19:05
To: O'Connor,D <D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk>
Subject: Re: RE: Please help us to check and confirm if Miss Ing-Wen Tsai is a real Phd?

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

Thanks for your reply. However, your answer could not make clear about doubt issues what I mentioned earlier. (Please read my earlier letter mentioned questions)
Since there are many strange issues about her student record.

I know your school is facing quite pressure about Miss Tsai's degree problem. But the best way is that to make it clear and be honest.

Miss Tsai is our president, but her thesis quality was too bad to award a doctor even a master degree. I am afraid of your answer would be a serious problem for your school. Many professors or high doctor degree scholars, they don't think the dissertation is a qualified degree thesis.

There are many mistake format and typing wrong words on this book.

Where is the real thesis of 1984? Please answer this question. Miss Tsai said that is LSE's fault. 'LSE made it loss.'

IALS, Senate House, LSE, even Miss Tsai, all of them could not offer true and really one for people.

Since according to Professor Lin's report, he asked the library and your law office, both of them replied Professor Lin, Miss Tsai never delivered the dissertation to the libraries.

Miss Tsai said, she had delivered the dissertation to LSE library already before 36 years ago. That must be lost by LSE missed.

We are curious why all the graduated doctor students never lost the dissertations, but just only Miss Tsai.

Meanwhile there is a bad news for Miss Tsai to you: she copies here paper and cited the article many times without announcement.

And she called herself as a doctor before she awarded the degree...

Please check it and make it clear. Don't just mentioned surface answer.

We do not trust Miss Tsai, because she could not explain why and she did not want make it clear.

But LSE has the responsibility to make it clear why Miss Tsai's dissertations were lost.

And the most strange issue is that she don't have her real 1984 dissertation.

Who is the real advisor? Since Mr. M.J. Elliott had resigned in 1982 already.

Who are the examiners?

As it seems that you are not key person for regarding issues department.

Please make it more clear.

Best regards,
[REDACTED]

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>>>> Original Message <<<<<<

From: O'Connor,D

To: [REDACTED]

Sent Date: Thu,03 Oct 2019 23:54:12 Asia/Taipei

Subject: RE: Please help us to check and confirm if Miss Ing-Wen Tsai is a real Phd?

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email to Minouche Shafik. I have been asked to reply.

As indicated to a number of enquirers, the records of the University of London and the London School of Economics and Political Science confirm Tsai Ing-Wen completed and was correctly awarded a PhD in Law in 1984.

As you are aware, Tsai Ing-wen recently provided the LSE Library with a facsimile copy of the thesis, "Unfair trade practices and safeguard actions." This is available to view in the library's reading room. We understand she has also provided a copy of the thesis to download via Taiwan's National Central Library.

Kind regards,

Daniel O'Connor

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 September 2019 18:39
To: Directorate <Directorate@lse.ac.uk>
Subject: Please help us to check and confirm if Miss Ing-Wen Tsai is a real Phd?

Dear Ms. Shafik,

Let me introduce myself in advance. I am [REDACTED]

Recently, our president, Miss Ing-Wen Tsai, she announced that her thesis to us. Unfortunately, we could not see the real thesis which was made, packed, and issued in 1984.

According to LSE's rule, that is a very important issue, any graduate student must pass an oral exam for their degree.

We found that Miss Tsai never delivered her thesis during 1983~1984.

Please confirm the following issue in order to help us to make sure if she got the real degree or not.

Since we cannot understand the "Student record" all the issues on every note.

Attached pictures are the student records which were announced by the President's Office. Please let us know the issues, we have some questions regarding this record:

1. Is this record the same as in LSE? Please confirm. As we find the handwriting is somewhat different by different people.
2. Did Miss Tsai pay the registration fees for 1983~1984?
3. Who is the advisor for the Ph.D. course? Please let us know the professor's name. Meanwhile, the oral examination professors' names?

4. According to the record the course was be marked delete line and replace as Ph.D, please confirm which date she was approved for upgrade the programme of doctor?
5. What is the "B/S Laws" meaning, please explain for us. We don't understand what it means.
6. On the record under right corner, the date of entry "June 83" it wrote: "Degree awarded on Feb, 84. Can you make confirm this is real degree for which? "B/S Laws"? "M.Phil"? or "PhD"?"
7. Miss Tsai's thesis was real exam which date, who approved the exam? Is there any profecess singnature for this approvement for doctor degree?
8. 10/11/82 WD from course Financil difficult. Please confirm if she WD from "all course" or "just the semester"(or season/quarter)

Another hand we here hope you to know a scandal:

Before she got the real docotor degree (we supposed that she got it in real), she wrote some papers in National Chengchi University with doctor degree awarded.

According to her doctor degree diploma issued date in Feb, 1984. However, she worte her paper introduction mentioned she was a doctor already in 1983.

Thank your help,

With best regards,


27/09/2019