

From: [Wilson,Clive](#)
To: [Metcalf,F](#)
Cc: [O'Connor,D](#)
Subject: FW: Request for President Tsai's student record from Presidential office Taiwan
Date: 20 September 2019 11:39:00

Hi Fiona

I'm not sure we would want to do this but this one's also out of my jurisdiction.

Just as far as I can ascertain though: 1 and 2 are definitely correct. 3 and 4 (except for the last point) would come under UoL and not us.

Clive

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 September 2019 10:37
To: Wilson,Clive
Subject: RE: Request for President Tsai's student record from Presidential office Taiwan

Dear Clive,

As LSE is one of the leading academic institutions in the world, any statement issued by LSE certainly carries weight by itself. We would be truly grateful if you can kindly mention the following points in the statement.

1. University of London and LSE records confirm that Tsai Ing-wen was awarded a PhD in Law in 1984.
2. LSE is in possession of all relevant information pertaining to Dr. Tsai's degree. Dr. Tsai was originally registered as an MPhil student in September 1980. In her second year, upon the recommendation of her supervisor that her work was of doctorate standard, she was retroactively upgraded to PhD status. Dr. Tsai submitted her thesis "Unfair trade practices and safeguard actions", and successfully passed the viva examination in October 1983. She was later awarded a PhD in Law in 1984.
3. This procedure is in line with the School's regulations.
4. A PhD degree is only awarded once a candidate has provided a copy of the successful thesis. While the original copy of Dr. Tsai's thesis cannot currently be located, it is not the only one missing and a hardbound copy of this thesis is currently available at the LSE Library.

As for the channels, is it possible that this statement can be on the LSE website?

Your assistance in clarifying this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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From: Wilson, Clive [mailto:CLIVE.Wilson@lse.ac.uk]

Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:53 PM

To: ■

Subject: RE: Request for President Tsai's student record from Presidential office Taiwan

Hi ■

I'm told that LSE isn't really interested in filing a lawsuit. The Comms team seem to be happy to reissue a statement confirming the correct award of the degree but what channel do you think it should go through?

I still haven't seen (or can't find) an English translation of Lin's report.

best wishes

Clive

From: ■

Sent: 16 September 2019 13:13

To: Wilson, Clive

Subject: RE: Request for President Tsai's student record from Presidential office Taiwan

Hi Clive,

I extend my cordial thanks for your help these days.

As you might have noticed, the smear campaign regarding President Tsai's PhD degree has not yet over. On the contrary, the situation deteriorates since LSE has also become one of the targets of the campaign. The campaigners are associating the LSE-Gaddafi affair with this case, ridiculously accusing the school of selling a degree to President Tsai.

Some of the accusations can be found in these two pieces:

Tsai Ing-wen's missing thesis was not submitted says university library

<https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2019/07/04/tsai-ing-wens-missing-thesis-was-not-submitted-says-university-library/>

Tsai Ing-wen files lawsuit against two professors in London School of Economics thesis controversy

<https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2019/09/06/tsai-ing-wen-files-lawsuit-against-two-professors-in-london-school-of-economics-thesis-controversy/>

I would like to recommend the LSE consider issuing statements reconfirming that President Tsai had been awarded a PhD, or filing lawsuit against such smear tactics. Please kindly let me know what's your thought on this matter.

Many thanks,

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From: Wilson,Clive [<mailto:CLIVE.Wilson@lse.ac.uk>]

Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 4:41 PM

To: ██████████

Subject: RE: Request for President Tsai's student record from Presidential office Taiwan

Hi ██████████

as the copy certificate couldn't be obtained from LSE I do doubt that there will be an 'official record' here, but I have passed it on to colleagues who will know more

Clive

From: ██████████

Sent: 11 September 2019 07:57

To: Wilson,Clive

Subject: RE: Request for President Tsai's student record from Presidential office Taiwan

Hi Clive,

Unfortunately, I have not received any response from UoL yet.

Thanks for the information though. I will try to contact ██████████.

Further, I would like to confirm if LSE holds official records of President Tsai's applications for a degree certification in August 2010 and in September 2015. If LSE does and is able to provide us with the document, we will very much appreciate that.

Best,

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From: Wilson,Clive [<mailto:CLIVE.Wilson@lse.ac.uk>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 10:46 PM

To: ██████████

Subject: RE: Request for President Tsai's student record from Presidential office Taiwan

Hi ██████████

Have you had a reply yet? The only other person I can think of is [REDACTED] and did most of the investigation work at their end when President Tsai first stood for office. I don't know if she is still there.

best wishes

Clive

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 September 2019 06:32
To: Wilson,Clive
Subject: RE: Request for President Tsai's student record from Presidential office Taiwan

Hi Clive,

Thank you very much for the suggestion. Unfortunately, the contact person at UoL has not replied my email yet.

However, the official records from the school(either LSE or UoL) of President Tsai's applications for a degree certification in August 2010 and in September 2015 are necessary to rebut the accusation, which claims that the certificate we provided was not issued by the school and therefore, was fake.

Do you have suggestion that from which sector I can possibly get this information?

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: Wilson,Clive [<mailto:CLIVE.Wilson@lse.ac.uk>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 11:06 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Request for President Tsai's student record from Presidential office Taiwan

Hi [REDACTED]

You might have done this already but it occurs to me that you should also contact the University of London directly. Due to the umbrella nature of the UoL, especially pre 2010, their student record will be different to ours.

best wishes

Clive

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 03 September 2019 06:53

To: Wilson,Clive

Cc: Donnelly,S

Subject: RE: Request for President Tsai's student record from Presidential office Taiwan

Dear Mr. Clive Wilson and Ms. Sue Donnelly,

Attached is the scanned letter signed by President Tsai.

We expect the academic record to contain information such as date of her viva exam, date of notification of the exam results, date of degree awarded, date of her application for a degree certification (If memory serves, it should be in August 2010 and in September 2015).

Please feel free to let me know if there is anything I can help and million thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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From: Wilson,Clive [<mailto:CLIVE.Wilson@lse.ac.uk>]

Sent: Monday, September 2, 2019 6:31 PM

To: ██████████

Cc: Donnelly,S <S.Donnelly@lse.ac.uk>

Subject: RE: Request for President Tsai's student record from Presidential office Taiwan

Dear ██████████

yes, we heard about the report last week and look forward to seeing an English version.

We can definitely provide a copy of President Tsai's student record but we do need to have a letter actually signed by President Tsai to do this. This can be a scan and it can request that the record is sent to you but as it is her personal data, the letter has to be signed by her.

I have copied this to Ms. Sue Donnelly, the LSE Archivist, so if you can send the scanned letter to both of us we can sort that out for you.

best wishes

Clive

From: ██████████

Sent: 02 September 2019 11:02

To: Wilson,Clive

Subject: Request for President Tsai's student record from Presidential office Taiwan

Dear Clive,

I trust this e-mail finds you well. It's been a while since our last conversation. Is everything going well with you?

I am writing to again seek your kind assistance with regard to President Tsai's LSE doctoral degree. To rebut the defamatory libel, President Tsai decides to take legal actions against the people behind the malice. For the court proceeding, President Tsai will need her student record, including the beginning and ending dates of study, names of supervisor and viva examiners... etc.

In our email trail, you kindly notified us that LSE has identified related documentation in this regard. I am wondering if it is possible that the above-mentioned information can be retrieved and sent to us? We have applied for the certificate of the degree for her, but more detail would be necessary to clarify the speculation.

There is another thing that I would like you to know. Recently, there is a publication by [REDACTED] titled, "An independent investigation: the authenticity of Tsai, Ing Wen's doctoral degree and thesis." In the report, he states that LSE, as an accomplice, has helped Dr. Tsai to fake her degree. The English version is expected to be released by [REDACTED] this week. You may look into it and decide whether it is necessary for the school to issue a statement against the unreasonable accusation as LSE is one of the leading academic institutions in the world and any statement issued by LSE certainly carries weight by itself.

We appreciate your help on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

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