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**To:** [Astuti,R](#)  
**Subject:** RE:  
**Date:** 03 October 2019 17:07:00

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Thanks Rita,

I think at this point we should start ignoring all of those that have not made an official FOI request which can be responded to in accordance with the requirements. I'll liaise with Legal, Comms, the Library and the Registrar as the five of us have been communicating around a number of these queries and patience is coming to an end. The email addresses I am seeing suggest that a number of these may be bot accounts.

I'll let you know what the position is when I've had a chance to speak to the others.

Thanks,  
Marcus

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Just to let you know of this new message  
Rita

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Dear Sirs and Madams:

This is to supplement my email to Director Shafik Minouche on Sept. 29, 2019, which is attached to this email as Attachment 1.

As the supreme court of the New York State has suspended Ing Wen Tsai's New York State

attorney status as shown in attachment 2, I am wondering if LSE would start to consider to demand the “so-called Ph.D.” status of LSE student Ing Wen Tsai be suspended at least when LSE determines to start an independent investigation into Tsai’s highly controversial Ph.D. degree and thesis. Tsai’s thesis and degree issue has been labeled in Taiwan’s press as “thesis gate.” Among many other controversies Ms. Tsai was found having claimed herself a “doctor” as early as June 1983 before she was awarded, as she so claimed, a Ph.D. degree in 1984, and even before she claimed to have passed the thesis oral exam in October 1983. Tsai introduced herself as a doctor of International Economics Law in an article published in June 1983 by Chengchi Law Review (CLR).

The Taiwanese attorney who publicly made the accusation on her website video ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pe\\_ogOSoNEs&t=349s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pe_ogOSoNEs&t=349s)) further pointed out that Ms. Tsai translated almost all contents of the CLR article and use them in her thesis from page 252 to page 298 without citing them. The Taipei-based attorney, Tung Wen-Hsun, added that 1) Tsai even used the same CLR article footnotes in her thesis, and that 2) in her thesis, Tsai was found using translated contents from six other articles without citing them. Attorney Tung also made it clear that translated materials CAN be used in any thesis but they must be clearly cited, implying Tsai’s failure to cite the translated materials has made herself a suspect of plagiarism. In her website video, Attorney Tung also provided her proof, as shown in the rest of the attachments to support her afore-mentioned accusations. The attachments that contain two documents have the thesis copy on the left and the CLR article on the right.

Thank you very much for the time and patience to look into this. Your kind investigation would be highly appreciated by the Taiwanese electorates as Tsai is already one of the three presidential candidates in Taiwan’s 2020 election, and Tsai is the only candidate whose thesis ethics is a major concern of most electorates.

Sincerely,

