

My statement to Board of Trustees of MSU: (2/15/2019)

I want to talk about our university records. They are: *Scholarly records*, which we keep in our libraries, and *Administrative records*, which we keep in our servers <https://reg.msu.edu>, <https://cga.msu.edu>. In pure mathematics, library plays the role of laboratories of the applied sciences. In 1970 with the help of *Centers of Excellence Grant* from NSF, we established the math library in Wells Hall. It had been a wonderful place to house our valuable books as well as unpublished lecture notes. Our library was a refuge for students and faculty from the noisy hallways of Wells hall, to study and to think. But several years ago provost abruptly closed our library, with the excuse “the library was not used enough to justify its existence, and some of the publications can be accessed online”. This is like closing highways with the excuse of “there are airports”. This is not acceptable.

Also our servers are ultimate places where we keep our class records, and valuable NSF grant records. They are like bank servers housing credit card history. I am sure you all heard of the case of a Chair and a Dean of MSU bullying a faculty, by accusing him not teaching his assigned courses, but he did! The records don't lie. In the process the administrators got caught misreporting academic records in order to harass this faculty. Now, they are exposed, in retaliation, desperately trying to dismiss this faculty for causing them embarrassment, because he requests correction. Provost, you need to reconstruct our library, and protect our academic records, not allow your administrators misreport them and play games with them. I insist you do not tolerate lies and coverups of your administrators. Provost we don't work for you, we work for the university, you are entrusted with the administration and records, so act responsibly respect ethical principles.

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