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Date: Wed, Jul 8, 2020 at 4:30 PM  
Subject: Further Evidence of Dramatic Academic Decline of HMC  
To: James E. Enstrom <jenstrom@ucla.edu>

July 8, 2020

Re: Further Evidence of Dramatic Academic Decline of HMC

Dear “Conservative” HMC Professor,

I am writing because I did not receive a satisfactory response to my June 1 email message below. Please read the lead July 6 Wall Street Journal Op Ed “Campus Culture Seizes the Streets” by UCSC Professor Emeritus John M. Ellis (<https://www.wsj.com/articles/campus-culture-seizes-the-streets-11593973851>). Key sentences from this Op Ed are “Universities used to be places where the major political and social issues of the day could be researched and debated. . . . All that has now been turned on its head. The campus offers not a reasoned corrective to partisan passions, but fierce, one-sided advocacy of dangerous and destructive ideas. . . . Taxpayers, lawmakers and donors need to wake from the spell cast by American universities’ past glory. Only then can they summon the courage to withdraw funding and force the necessary change: replacing faux-academic political activists with real academic thinkers—people who care about original thought, not peddling an ideology.”

Because of the radicalization that I have witnessed at HMC under President Maria M. Klawe, I have investigated the “political nature” of 2017-2018 HMC faculty members using publicly available information. Sources include faculty support for BLM Solidarity, Social Justice STEM, and liberal politics. I now characterize HMC professors as a whole as follows: 65.0% very liberal, 14.4% liberal, 9.3% assumed liberal, 3.1% conservative, and 8.2% unknown. The HMC professors born since 1970 are characterized as follows: 78.9% very liberal, 9.6% liberal, 11.5% assumed liberal, and 0.0% conservative. These results reveal a shocking academic imbalance at HMC that is consistent with the WSJ Op Ed and they help explain my June 1 findings below.

I am sending this email to you because I believe that you are conservative and/or are concerned about my evidence. In particular, I would like to know if any of my evidence is incorrect. Please respond so that we can have a dialogue before I begin my campaign to discourage serious STEM students from attending HMC. I hope you will respond, and I will keep your response private.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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From: James E. Enstrom <[jenstrom@ucla.edu](mailto:jenstrom@ucla.edu)>  
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June 1, 2020

Dear Selected HMC Professor,

I am writing because I am very concerned about the radical changes that have occurred at HMC during the tenure of President Maria M. Klawe. I have very strong evidence that HMC has replaced academic excellence, academic diversity, and academic freedom in STEM with an overwhelming focus on “diversity.” Also, I have very strong evidence that current leaders of HMC (President, Trustees, and Faculty) are dramatically different from the founding leaders of HMC.

Examples of my evidence of the academic decline of HMC are: 1) Former tenured HMC Professor Debra Mashek left to become Executive Director of the Heterodox Academy, which promotes diversity of thought on college campuses (<https://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2018/02/a-new-leader-in-the-push-for-diversity-of-thought-on-campus/552275/>); 2) HMC has repeatedly blocked me from speaking on campus because of my “politically incorrect” scientific views (<http://www.scientificintegrityinstitute.org/HMCBlock011219.pdf>); 3) The ability of HMC physics graduates to obtain a Physics PhD at Stanford University has declined dramatically since I obtained the first such PhD in 1970 (<http://www.scientificintegrityinstitute.org/HMCPhysics021219.pdf>); 4) The portion of HMC graduates who attend graduate or professional school has declined dramatically to 23% (<https://www.hmc.edu/about-hmc/fast-facts/>); 5) Since 1960-1961, when I applied for admission, HMC tuition has increased 58 times to the current \$58,359 (<https://www.hmc.edu/about-hmc/fast-facts/>); and 6) HMC has a 2020 US News National Liberal Arts College best value ranking of #83 and overall ranking of #23 compared with a 1973 College Rater overall ranking of #3.

Given this evidence, I plan to discourage from attending HMC those students who want an academically balanced and high quality STEM education of the type that I received during 1961-1965. Please let me know if you agree with and/or are concerned about my above evidence. It is very important that I receive some kind of response.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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