

UW-La Crosse Under Fire For Handling Of Student's Allegation Of Sexual Misconduct By Faculty Member
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UW-La Crosse officials are in damage control mode over their handling of an allegation by a student of unwanted sexual advances from university faculty department head.

The student, Caycee Bean, alleged on Facebook last night that the professor offered to advance her to a senior level course she was not qualified for and later locked the door of a classroom where he was giving her individual instruction. UW-La Crosse evidently investigated the matter and cleared the professor of wrongdoing leading to Bean's Facebook post. An article detailing her complaints appears today in the UW-La Crosse newspaper, The Racquet. A link to that story is here:

<https://theracquet.org/6580/news/chair-of-the-art-department-joel-elgin-accused-of-sexual-misconduct-by-uwl-student/>

In response to the furor over Bean's social media allegation, the university released the following statement today in which it seems to acknowledge poor handling of the student's complaint while continuing to state the professor was cleared of any violation of university policies. Here is the university's statement:

<https://www.facebook.com/UWLaCrosse/photos/a.169109837104/10156119951807105/?type=3&theater>

It should be stressed that the university investigation cleared the professor of any policy or rules violation, notwithstanding the student's allegation of sexual pressure.

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