

EXCLUSIVE: UW-Whitewater Chancellor's Husband Has Been Reimbursed For Thousands Of Dollars Of Travel Expenses

Allan "Pete" Hill, the husband of UW-Whitewater Chancellor Beverly Kopper, who has been banned from campus after an investigation into allegations of unwanted groping and touching of students and staffers, has received thousands of dollars from the university over the last two years to pay for travel expenses to Florida, Arizona, Texas and elsewhere.

UW-Whitewater and the UW System have consistently claimed that Hill is an "unpaid" Whitewater staffer that assists in fundraising and, until now, has refused to detail whether or not his unpaid status also included compensation in other areas. An open records request to the UW System, which I had to re-file three times because of consistent attempts by UW System officials to not comply with my requests, reveal that in 2016 and 2017 alone Hill has received reimbursements for travel from either UW-Whitewater or the UW-Whitewater Foundation.

Hill was paid about \$2,950 by the Foundation to reimburse him for a series of trips that ranged from "donor visits" to "golf outings" to conferences. On most of the visits, Hill was travelling with his wife, Chancellor Kopper, but on a couple he was travelling solo. It is state government policy that when public officials travel on business and take their spouses or other family members that the expenses for the spouses be paid with their own personal funds. But in the case of Hill and Kopper, the university has apparently been paying for Hill's flights, meals and in some cases, alcoholic beverages, as well.

In addition to the Foundation payments, Hill received hundreds of dollars directly from the university for miscellaneous travel expenses, some with little justification provided including an unspecified \$25 for going to Oshkosh for a football playoff game.

Hill has been barred from the Whitewater campus and his "unpaid" position has been terminated following two investigations into allegations of sexual misconduct. Hill's wife, Chancellor Kopper, has initially claimed to be shocked by the reports of Hill's behavior but one of the investigations occurred a year ago and the findings were presented to Kopper and others at the time. UW System President Ray Cross and the UW Board of Regents have not taken any action against Kopper despite calls for her resignation.

The expense payments to Hill for his traveling all over the country may not be the only payments he has received. They are merely the only ones I have been able to prove so far. UW System legal counsel Katherine Patten and the UW System spokesperson for days adamantly denied to me that Hill was ever paid anything. The statements, I can now prove, are simply false. He has been paid for a lot of personal travel and other expenses. There may be other payments, or perhaps not. UW System officials have been evasive on the questions for weeks.

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