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Subject: Illegal activities by Dr Ashim K Mitra at the School of Pharmacy, UMKC
Importance: High

Respected Administrators of the UM system,

I would like to form a number of illegal activities carried by Dr Ashim K Mitra, Curators' Professor and Vice provost of research at UMKC.

1. Dr Mitra's **international/ Indian graduate students have to go to his home on a daily basis to write Dr Mitra's grant applications/proposals**. Please note that this is not only unethical, it is illegal since their F1 (international student) visa prohibit them to work, even voluntary work, outside university campus.
2. Dr Mitra uses his **international/ Indian graduate students as laborers** during community events organized by SANGAM, an Indian association formed by Mitras. Again, please note that F1 student visa prohibits them from working outside university campus.
3. These **international/ Indian graduate students** who work as laborers have **received gifts** from SANGAM without disclosure, which again violates federal labor and immigration laws.
4. Whenever Dr Mitra and his wife travel outside Kansas, he asks his **international/ Indian graduate students to dog sit at his (Dr Mitra's) home for several weeks, even month/s**. During these periods, these students can only come to work at night after Dr Mitra's son gets home from work. Again, please note that F1 student visa prohibits them from working outside university campus.

I have witnessed these things for the last 7 years. A number of these facts are well known in the School of Pharmacy, UMKC but nobody wants to raise their voice. Since I am an Indian national, who recently got tenured and faced several such issues (I am not disclosing them here), I want to inform above mentioned abuses/ illegal activities to UM authorities and possibly be to other agencies. I am not revealing the name of the students who regularly perform these duties due to sensitivity and fear they live in. I tried to raise these issues in our division and I have been labelled as a trouble maker, disruptive faculty, etc. I sincerely urge the UM authorities to launch an investigation, please note that these international Indian graduate students live in fear and will be very hesitant to disclose anything, but I have a lot of evidences. I have a lot more information which I can share later. **Considering all these, it seems like a scam that Dr Mitra received Chancellor's Graduate Mentoring Award in 2014.**

Many Thanks,

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