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Subject: Referencing an e-mail sent last week

Your Honorable Ms. Haley

I am writing to you again in reference to some issues that my fellow classmates and I are experiencing at one of your colleges Aiken Technical College. I sent a message last week begging for your assistance in rectifying a situation that has been going on for two years with no resolve.

As my previous message stated I am currently enrolled in the Medical Coding program at Aiken Technical College and our class is scheduled to graduate this May. I have been a student of the Technical College for more than three years, and it has been a wonderful experience up until this past August when I began the Medical Coding program. The issue is the professor Ms. Vania Germany and her supervisor Dean Walton.

In August when the program started we had 20 women who were excited about entering the final stage of their education and starting a career. Many of these women are either single mother's who work full-time and go to school or like myself an older student with a family who wants to better the lives of their family. It instantly became apparent that our teacher was inept to teach a class on Medical pathology due to her lack of knowledge on the Human anatomy and lack of professionalism. On many occasions she verbally abused students like myself. She told me to stand in the corner every time I attempted to ask a question or get clarification. Ms. Germany took pleasure in embarrassing and humiliating her students, so much so that before the first half of the semester was over one student was thrown out of the class in front of the whole class after pushing this student to a near breakdown. It was during this time that Dean Walton came to proctor the class only one time due to complaints. As the first semester wound down the class became aware of the fact that our grades would change with no assignment being handed in. We also became aware that if we wanted to know the material we would have to teach ourselves. At the end of the semester some people were given the opportunity to retake test while others weren't. Some people passed and some didn't depending on the professors personal feelings toward that particular student. We continued to try to go through the chain of command with no luck.

When the spring semester started we were all hopeful that things would get better but we were wrong. We started the spring semester with 14 students as the first two weeks progressed we lost all but 9. Out of the 11 students that dropped 6 wrote letters to either Dean Walton or Dean Frock in complaint about the lack of instruction, rudeness of the professor and their complete dissatisfaction with the program and again they fell on deaf ears. As the professor became aware of the complaints she proceeded to take her anger out on the remaining students. We were given zero for assignments that weren't assigned, test on material not covered nor discussed, test for a completely different class, we were never given the opportunity to go over them to learn

what we got right, the professor refuses to talk to us at all and we no longer even get the pitiful "lectures", she simply hands us worksheets go do and walks out. We tried to meet with Dean Frock, who is over the Allied Health and Science department only to be sent back to Dean Walton. Four of the night e remaking went to see Dean Walton only after learning that Ms Germany, the professor had numerous complaints filed against her the year before with no results. Dean Walton basically blamed the problem on us the student's. (I have the email if needed.) We are out of options and almost out of time. The professor also neglected to submit our applications for graduation further messing up our futures. Something has got to be done and done quickly. I would personally lime for those two to be replace ed and made to say there are sorry to the students. If I haven't heard from you by Tuesday, February 24th then we will be forced to keep the appointment with the news. I will also be advising the media of how many people and who we contacted for help along with this email. You can call my home 803-392;7268. Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Barbara Weathers