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On the case of plagiarism at NES

In August 2013, the New Economic School has received a formal complaint from a NES graduate about multiple acts of plagiarism in Master's Thesis of Dmitry Mitrofanov, a graduate of the MAE program at NES in 2013. By rector's act, a committee investigating the matter was formed on the basis of the Council of MAE program, substituting the Chair of the Academic Council Prof. Sergei Izmalkov in place of Prof. Oleg Shibarov due to conflict of interest of the latter.

The committee has collected evidence and written a letter to Mr. Mitrofanov offering him the opportunity to respond to the accusations. After receiving the response, the committee finds the following.

There are multiple instances of plagiarism in Mr. Mitrofanov's Master's Thesis. Multiple paragraphs, including model description and data description, and some graphs were copied almost verbatim from several sources. Among these sources is the Master's Thesis of the former graduate, who issued the complaint. Mr. Mitrofanov failed to credit the former graduate for providing the data.

Mr. Mitrofanov has acknowledged plagiarizing the sources but did so without any remorse, downplaying his straight copy-and-pasting and stressing his contributions instead.

Mr. Mitrofanov has clearly violated the norms of academic ethics in preparing, submitting, and defending his Thesis. As a consequence, he also did not satisfy requirements for the successful defense of the Master's Thesis and completion of the academic program of MAE.

The Academic Council at NES has decided to:

1. Annul the defense of Mr. Mitrofanov's Master's Thesis.



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2. Request that Mr. Mitrofanov rewrite his Thesis, properly acknowledging and citing works of others, where upon he shall resubmit it to the defense committee before December 1, 2013. The defense committee would evaluate the resubmitted version by December 31, 2013.
3. Suspend Mr. Mitrofanov's Masters in Economics degree until the defense committee clears Mr. Mitrofanov's Thesis.
4. In the case Thesis requirements are not met by December 31, 2013, initiate legal procedures to revoke Mr. Mitrofanov's degree.
5. Announce the findings of the committee to the public and to the Kellogg School of Management, where Mr. Mitrofanov is currently a PhD student.

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