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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I04070025

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NSF OIG reviewed Complainant's concerns about possible funding of an undergraduate course that would provide "free" courseware.

A review of the proposal<sup>1</sup> did not reveal any obvious problems. An interview with the cognizant program officer<sup>2</sup> to discuss the issues did not reveal any problems with either the preliminary proposal or the formal proposal.

During a telephone interview with the Complainant<sup>3</sup> he explained that there was "nothing untoward" in the proposal, and his concern was that NSF should spend money on proposals where there were no currently commercial alternatives. I explained that NSF's mandate for funding is very broad and that NSF OIG's jurisdictional limits do not allow us to interfere with the merit review process.

The complainant was asked if there were any intellectual property issues (i.e., copyright, trademark, or patent violations) and he indicated that there were none. In short, there are no allegations of wrongdoing or of scientific misconduct where NSF OIG has jurisdiction.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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