

From: Saeed Maghsoodloo

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Dear Mr. McBride: First, I would like to apologize for responding so late to your letter of Oct. 24, 2022; I am 84 years old now and rarely go to the department, although our department does still have a mailbox for me. I lost my ISE office roughly a year ago b/c our department needed my office-space as our program is expanding so rapidly. I do share a small office with Dr. Rob Thomas, but I do not believe that you know him as he jointed our department in early 1980's. Dr. Thomas has made tremendous contributions to our Ergonomics Program in the past 42 years. My ISE computer is in the shared-office so that I can use it only to update my website:

www.eng.auburn.edu/~maghssa/

I just happened to go to our department on 05/09/2023 in order to turn on my office-computer and found your letter in my ISE-mailbox. I have already taken liberty and uploaded your beautiful letter on my website; please let me know if I should remove it.

As you stated in your letter, I do not remember you until I read the full-letter and the episode of grade assignment. I do fully remember now as to what went through my mind at that time to round up your 89.47% to an A because I had rounded your 89.56% down to a B+ the previous quarter, which is exactly the same grade-point as a B. I felt like it was the only fair and decent thing to do on my part; doing otherwise would have been immoral and shameful, and I truly mean what I am stating. So rounding up your grade in the 2nd Quarter was 100% intentional, and no event on the planet would have changed my mind.

I stopped teaching after 2015 Semester, which gives me 53 years of service to my Auburn University, starting Fall Quarter 1963. As you stated, roughly 6000 students went through my classes, including Mr. Tim Cook (1980-1), the Apple Computer CEO. Unlike you, a lot of them thought that I was a son of a Beach! The students who attended our IE (or now ISE) who really wanted to learn thought that I did my best to brake-down my subject-matter in such a manner that they could understand it.

I am still very active in writing articles for Applied Statistics and QC journals and try to mentor a few of our PhD students and one outstanding young faculty member. Further, I handle 5 brokerage accounts Mondays through Fridays.

I have tried to reach you by calling your phone number several times but not to avail; I hope I hear from you soon. My cell is 334-524-3557.

Sincerely and respectfully,

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