

I have to make a public apology.

A colleague whose identity I do not know posted, on the north side of the faculty lounge, a "scorecard" on the finding of jobs for terminated Lecturers. Monday afternoon I saw it, and impulsively and stupidly I removed it.

My only excuse for this is that, as a piece of embittered satire (which I took it to be), it seemed to me to direct gratuitous and wholly inappropriate ill-will towards Bill Worthen and Alan Gribben and towards their good efforts in a possibly thankless undertaking. I was upset that the "scorecard" seemed designed merely to increase the level of distrust hereabouts.

Which is exactly why I should not have removed it, since by doing so I simply created more distrust. Besides, I had no right to censure anyone's bitter feelings. To do so was hypocritical.

I am very sorry.

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