

**From:** Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]>

**To:** Diane Luckow <[REDACTED]>, Gloria Chu <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Re: SFU honorary degree . On hold.

**Date:** Tue, 27 Feb 2018 20:27:34 +0000

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Dear Gloria et al:

I am extremely honored by the decision of SFU to award me an honorary degree. Because of my affection for the University, I feel the need to alert you to the fact that due to the publication last week of a false and defamatory article in Buzzfeed making claims against me last week (and for what it is worth, I can assure you the claims are indeed false and twisted after a bitter 6 month effort by journalists without integrity, and I will be producing a detailed statement at some time in the coming weeks) there has been an uproar in at least some segments of the twitter sphere. While it is not at this point a broad news item, I nevertheless believe the University could be embarrassed if it announced it was awarding me an honorary degree at this time, and I expect there might be pressure on you from at least some individuals to rescind the award. Thus, while this could all die down in weeks on its own, or following my statement, or even perhaps a decision to initiate a lawsuit, I expect you would be wise to reconsider awarding me the degree at this time. I could make it easier on you by not accepting the award at this time if you want. It is your call of course, but I felt that it would not be appropriate or honorable to have this news sprung on you by surprise after an announcement. Please thank the President very much for his kind offer in any case.

I am very sorry to have had to send this note. I was greatly looking forward to the event, and I remain very honored by the thought. I am hoping this too shall pass. But for the moment at least, it hasn't.

With my best regards, and thanks.

Lawrence Krauss

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On Feb 27, 2018, at 11:53 AM, Diane Luckow <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thanks for your speedy reply. Here is the short version:

The degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, will be conferred on renowned theoretical physicist Lawrence M. Krauss, Foundation Professor of the School of Earth and Space Exploration at Arizona State University. An acclaimed researcher, teacher, award-winning author, and media personality, he strives to enhance the public's understanding of science.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 27 February, 2018 11:45:06  
**Subject:** Re: SFU honorary degree - bio

Many thanks. I only saw the long doc, but it looks fine. I added 2 works if it is ok.

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On Feb 27, 2018, at 11:10 AM, Diane Luckow <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Dr. Krauss,

Congratulations on receiving an SFU honorary degree. I have written a short and "long" bio for some of our promotional materials. I've attached these and hope that you can review them for factual accuracy and let me know of any edits as soon as possible. Unfortunately, the word counts are quite tight.

Thanks for your assistance.

Best regards,  
Diane

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