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Proposed email to Lindy.. thoughts? I am in no rush to send this Jeffrey, but I think as an email from one colleague in SESE to another it is not inappropriate and won't upset the apple cart at the University.. But anyway, let me know..

Dear Lindy:

I am writing out of professional courtesy, and out of a sense of professional concern regarding the what is effectively a disingenuous erasure of the Origins Project, and with it all the resources that scores of scientists had contributed to developing over the years for the use of teachers, students, and the general public that occurred when Origins 'transitioned' into your Interplanetary Initiative. The process has been unprofessional, but also unfair to Origins participants, donors, and members of the general public, and goes against what should be the University's commitment to knowledge and education.

I respectfully request that:

- (a) The Origins web site, with all its resources and links, be restored for the benefit of those individuals who use the site, and in honor of all the people who contributed time and scholarship to the program.
- (b) Those who have donated to Origins be informed that their funds are now being used to support the Interplanetary Initiative and that they be given the option of moving those funds to other programs that may better reflect their interests.
- (c) Many people on the Origins emailing list have been writing to me out of confusion, as they are now receiving Interplanetary Initiative emails. Once again, I think it would be ethical to send a mailing to all those on the Origins mailing list explaining that since Origins is now terminated, they will be receiving emails and announcements from the Interplanetary Initiative unless they choose to opt out of receiving such emails, and then giving them an option to opt out.
- (d) The Origins Postdoctoral Prize Lectureship was funded by a donor who wanted to support the Origins mission. While I am happy that the individual who I and an Origins committee selected for the Origins Postdoctoral Prize in February will in fact be giving a lecture this fall, to suggest that that award, given last academic year, is somehow now an Interplanetary Initiative Prize lecture is inappropriate at best. Call the lecture the Origins Postdoctoral Prize Lecture this year, because that is what it is! If you decide to raise and/or devote funds from your initiative for a new lectureship after this, then it would be appropriate to rename future lectures.

Thanks for your attention to these concerns.

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