

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

**AUTHORIZATION LETTER FROM PROVOST**

June 25, 2018

Dr. Kenneth Levasseur  
Professor  
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Amherst, NH 03031

**Re: Use of Textbook for Teaching and M.G.L. c.268A, §6 - Title: *Applied Discrete Structures***

Dear Dr. Levasseur,

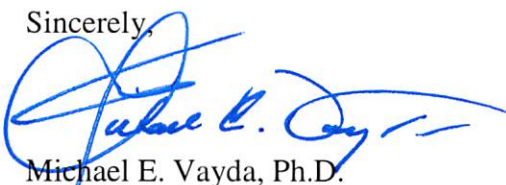
Thank you for your recent request to assign the above referenced textbook you have written to students in your courses.

An ethical conflict of interest is created by any personal financial benefit that may ensue from actions that you make in your professional capacity as a state employee; such as the financial gain that you might incur from sales of a textbook that you assign UMass Lowell students to purchase who are attending courses you teach.

In reviewing your request, I conclude that your financial interest in the textbook selection decision is not so substantial as to affect the integrity of your service to the Commonwealth. Accordingly, I approve your request to assign this textbook for the Spring 2019 semester.

Please retain this written determination for your records.

Sincerely,

  
Michael E. Vayda, Ph.D.

cc: State Ethics Commission (copied pursuant to requirement of §6)  
Donna Mellen, Associate Director of Academic Technology