

The Business Ethics course I took in Fall 2017 has been a very educative and informative class for me. Not only did I learn about business ethics, I also learnt about many ethical issues that business face and how they tackle it. In this class, we learnt about the role of ethics in business and in daily life. The course taught about the responsibilities that a manager and the board of directors have not only towards the business and the employees but also to other stakeholders such as government, society and environment.

In one of my case studies, I wrote about Galleon Group and the Insider Trading that took place in the company. Insider trading was a new vocabulary for me, rather I was used to the term bribery. After researching and studying this case, I was surprised on how people could have such selfish motives. I learnt about how one small action could lead to very big consequences. One of the interesting things I learnt by doing this case was how people in higher position in the company were able to hide their mistakes and not be questioned. It made me ponder about whether all businesses deal with these issues or not. Another interesting aspect was how, companies like these had good code of conduct and made sure that the company was transparent but was dealing with insider trading at the same time.

Issues like this, made me wonder whether companies are being faithful to its stockholder and shareholders. It is unfair for both the primary and secondary shareholders that they are being deceived and if any consequences, they are obliged to pay the price as well. Insider trading and bribery are not new terms in the business world, and hence, every company should take prevention. I believe that this case paper of mine portrayed my knowledge about the case and how we should go about with being ethical in business environments. This case study helped me understand that even if a company has been able to maintain an ethical standing, there are times when they make choices that lead to adverse consequences. It is also very important for

a company to be transparent and correct any mistakes that might have occurred in the process of ethical decision making. This project has helped me in improving my critical thinking process and analyze the ethical issues in a business process.

If I were to review this case study, I would dig deeper into the case and get information from other research materials apart from the book. Overall, this class helped in making us understand what the ethical aspect of business looks like. No matter how careful we are, there exists loopholes that are easy to fall into. From this class, I also learnt that we should be able to accept our mistakes and always have room for improvements.