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School Discipline Committee

**Sent by email to:** [conduct@hw.ac.uk](mailto:conduct@hw.ac.uk)

Dear School Discipline Committee members,

I, Dayanandan Natarajan, received an email from Dr Joe Wells on 17/05/2023 and Student Conduct on 19/05/2023, on ‘Investigation into Alleged Academic Misconduct’ which I would like to disagree, provided nowhere in this dissertation I have never shown someone’s work as mine nor taken credit for someone’s work. This dissertation is done completely by me with the guidance of Dr Joe Wells and documented by me with references materials from Dr Joe Wells and other authors.

Before I give my justification or explanation on this allegation, I would like to give a brief introduction about this dissertation which will help members to understand about this dissertation and the allegation. Few years ago, Dr Joe Wells have developed a product called ‘smlnj-script’ which is an enhancement on top of SML/NJ, an SML (Standard Markup Language) implementation. He has added few features and capabilities to SML/NJ and it was maintained as a standalone and not merged with SML/NJ.

My dissertation was focused on merging these capabilities into SML/NJ and work with SML implementors to get this released. With the guidance of Dr Joe Wells, I researched and analysed ‘smlnj-script’ and ‘SML/NJ’, identified the place of entry, made appropriate changes into SML/NJ to merge these capabilities, reached out to SML/NJ implementors and submitted my work to get it merged with SML/NJ.

- Whether you accept or deny the allegation, and your reasons why.

- Explain how you believe the similarity to other source(s) has arisen.

- Explain how you have approached your work.

- You should also include any supporting documentation if you are claiming any mitigating or extenuating circumstances which you wish the Committee to consider.

Yours sincerely,

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