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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 5:27 PM
To: Handrahan, Michael (Aviation)
Subject: Review voluntary position with Miami-Dade College

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Dear Mr. Handrahan:

I inadvertently deleted your e-mail, but I have a hard copy of it and I am able to issue you an opinion. I understand from your e-mail that Miami-Dade College has asked you to participate as a volunteer member of its Aviation Advisory Committee. You further state in your e-mail that you are the Airport Manager of Kendall-Tamiami and Homestead General Airports and Miami-Dade College maintains a classroom office facility at the airport. You indicate that you are not directly involved in MDAD leasing, rate setting or business responsibilities with Miami-Dade College. Thus, your question is whether your position as Airport Manager prohibits you from sitting on the Aviation Advisory Committee at Miami-Dade College.

The county's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance addresses the question of conflicting employment, but it only applies to compensated activities. In other words, employees who are volunteering are not covered by this code section. Therefore, sitting on the Aviation Advisory Committee would not amount to conflicting employment. The only other point I would like to stress is that you would not be permitted to share confidential information which you have received as the Airport Manager with the Aviation Advisory Committee. Once such information becomes public, you are free to disseminate to others, including the Aviation Advisory Committee.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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From: Handrahan, Michael (Aviation) [MHANDRAHAN@miami-airport.com]
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To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Review voluntary position with Miami Dade College
Attachments: HandrahanMDC1.pdf; HandrahanMDC2.pdf

Mr Meyers,

The day before my departure for annual vacation Miami Dade College called and asked me to participate as a volunteer member of their Aviation Advisory Committee. I qualified my interest with required pending approvals and notified Aviation HR. Ms Bobbie Jones Wilfork asked me to seek Ethics staff approval.

The College Aviation Program maintains a classroom office facility at this airport. With a working title of Airport Manager I may coordinate request for various work orders that are MDAD responsibility to complete (per lease agreement) and occasionally become involved in other facility or security issues as with other on airport tenants. I am not directly involved in MDAD Leasing, rate setting or business responsibilities with Miami Dade College.

This appointment is a voluntary community service oriented position. I graduated from the MDC Aviation Program some time ago. Final acceptance of this appointment is subject to your review. Thank you for your cooperation.

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