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Dear Provost James (Jim) Clark:

I have reviewed the documentation provided on **Dr. Eric Stewart** regarding the accusation of research misconduct. Multiple behaviors presented in the materials were concerning and indicative of research misconduct: (1) the number of retracted articles ($n=6$), (2) the number of articles in question ($n=11$), and (3) the presence of no backup of the data for the publications in question. However, I did find it surprising that since this issue emerged that Dr. Stewart had received no “official concern” on any of his annual faculty evaluations and no form of remediation or disciplinary action previously.

Given the scope of the research misconduct across multiple articles and the complete lack of data management for multiple published empirical studies leading to questionable findings and conclusions, I believe that disciplinary action should be required.

I recommend termination.

Sincerely,

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