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Dear Dr. Juarrero,

I write to inform you that I am opening up an investigation of your allegation that Professor Terrence Deacon committed plagiarism in his book *Incomplete Nature* (Norton, 2011) by appropriating ideas, concepts, theories, and arguments from your book, *Dynamics in Action: Intentional Behavior as a Complex System* (MIT 1999).

Please note that as expressed in my previous emails, I do not consider the material you have sent to me, including the "excel spreadsheet," to constitute evidence of appropriation without attribution, as the mere existence of parallelism within works on a similar topic is not uncommon and can be explained in many ways. Therefore, the claims you have sent to me do not rise to the evidentiary standard that our policy normally requires for triggering a research misconduct investigation. However, the continuing public dispute that your claims have generated lead me to believe that such an investigation is necessary in order to "clear the air."

I will be appointing an investigative committee of one or more faculty members as soon as possible. Normally there is a 120 day time limit on misconduct investigations, but given that we are now in the midst of our summer break I can not guarantee that the investigation will be completed within that timeframe. I will provide the committee with all of the material that you have sent to me in support of your claims.

Our University policy on research misconduct, as well as the federal regulation on which it is based, require that all stages in the research misconduct investigation procedure are treated as strictly confidential. (UCB "Research Misconduct: Policies, Definitions and Procedures," item IC and Federal Regulation 45CFR93.108). I expect that you will adhere to this requirement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Price".

Robert Price
Associate Vice Chancellor for Research
Research Integrity Officer (RIO)