

## Wouldn't You Love to Have Been a Fly on the Wall When Nail Explained Why He Was No Longer Dean at Texas Tech?

On May 25, [San Diego State University](#) announced that “Lance Nail has been named the new dean of San Diego State University’s Fowler College of Business. Nail previously served as dean of the business schools at both Texas Tech University and the University of Southern Mississippi.”

What the report fails to mention is the dubious circumstances of Nail’s final days as dean at Texas Tech. As [usmnews.net](#) previously reported, Nail was relieved of his duties in the wake of a [grade changing scandal](#) which was quickly followed by his ignoring/cover-up of [sexual harassment claims](#) against his friend and colleague Dr. Franco Parisi.



Lance Nail

On November 11, 2015, The [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) reported:

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### **Business Dean at Texas Tech Resigns Post After Investigation Into Grade Changes**

The dean of Texas Tech University’s business school has resigned after an investigative panel at the school concluded that he improperly raised the grades of four M.B.A. students who had failed a class, reports [The Texas Tribune](#).

The dean, Lance Nail, will remain on the faculty of the Rawls College of Business as a professor of finance, but will leave office as dean by year’s end. He did not immediately respond to the Tribune’s request for comment.

A faculty panel [looked into the grade changes](#) after the professor who had flunked the students was surprised last spring to see them receive their degrees. Failing the course would otherwise have prevented them from graduating, and it was on that basis that they complained to the dean, the panel found.

According to a report by the panel cited by the Tribune, Mr. Nail allowed the four students to take an “alternative test” as a way of passing the course because, he told investigators, the professor was biased against the students. Moreover, he said, they would have lost job opportunities by failing to graduate.

Shortly after this unfortunate incident involving academic misconduct, [KCBD TV in Lubbock](#) reported:

The [Title IX investigation] report concluded that Dr. Lance Nail, former Dean of the Rawls College of Business, knew about concerns surrounding his friend and colleague Dr. Franco Parisi.

The report states that Dr. Parisi made drinks for a female staff member at the university during work hours and then left her unattended when she became intoxicated and passed out.

This investigation concluded that Dr. Parisi "abandoned the staff member in a life-threatening condition."

According to this report, Dr. Nail knew about this incident, but encouraged Dr. Parisi to go on a university-sponsored trip to Chile that spawned even more disturbing allegations.

A number of sources have questioned San Diego’s decision to hire a dean with such a dubious history. As one reader offered, “if you invite trouble, it will usually come through your door.” One source offered optimistically that perhaps Nail has learned his lesson and would refrain from changing grades and looking the other way when dealing with misconduct (sexual or otherwise) by his friends. Perhaps cash strapped San Diego decision makers were more interested in Nail’s alleged fund raising acumen than the embarrassing conduct that resulted in his being removed as dean at Texas Tech.