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**PRESENTATION FROM THE REGENT UNIVERSITIES: UNIVERSITY PRESENTATION ON
CAMPUS SAFETY**

Action Requested: Receive the university presentation on campus safety

Executive Summary:

Recent tragedies highlight the need to always be vigilant regarding student safety. This particular safety discussion will focus on physical safety and how campuses respond in times of tragedies. Campus safety protocols and responses will be shared.

Presenters:

Dr. Paula Knudson is the Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Northern Iowa. She began at UNI on June 26, 2017. Prior to her arrival she served as the Vice Chancellor & Dean of Students at the University of Wisconsin La Crosse for 11 years. Dr. Knudson, a native Marcus Iowa, attended the University of Iowa and received her bachelor's degree in math education. She earned her Ph.D in Higher Education from the University of Minnesota in 2003.

Scott Beckner joined the University of Iowa in July 2016 as assistant vice president and director of public safety after nearly 30 years in law enforcement and 25 in higher education. He is a graduate of Michigan State University, where he earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in criminal justice and completed his law degree. Before taking on the role of director and chief of police at Georgia College and State University in 2011, he served as chief of police at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, and spent 18 years at the Michigan State University Police Department in East Lansing.

AVP/Chief Michael R. Newton currently leads the Iowa State University (ISU) Department of Public Safety, which includes the police and parking divisions. In addition, Michael is responsible for community engagement and outreach; emergency planning and management; threat assessment and response; and Clery Act compliance. Michael leads a team of over 60 professional staff members and over 50 student staff. Prior to coming to ISU, Michael led the University of Wisconsin (UW) – Madison Police Department's Field Services Division.