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Subject:

Colleagues –

I assume you were as surprised as I was to read in The Des Moines Register about the University of Iowa Law Professor who changed the evaluations and, then, about the settlement the university paid him.

This is at least the third recent incident in which major ethical issues have arisen at the university and about which the Regents were never informed. Nor was the Board office. I find this disconcerting, at best.

This latest development has become an issue with Legislators as well as with the press, which is yet another reason we should be fully informed on such issues so we can intelligently and honestly and openly answer questions that are being posed to us.

The Board of Regents is the governing body of the universities and should be apprised when ethical issues arise just as it is apprised when academic or financial issues arise. Therefore, I have asked Gary Steinke to work with the Board office to develop a policy that will ensure the Regents are immediately informed when an ethical issue arises and are completely filled in on details of any settlements the universities make of any kind.

If you have any suggestions for this proposed policy, please pass them on to Gary.

Best,

Michael

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