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Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 4:30 PM
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Attachments: Sexual assault statement.docx

Regents,

FYI. Let us know if you have any questions.

Sheila

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The following will go out to campus within the next few minutes. It will be formatted as an email from the president. It will go to all UNI students, faculty and staff.

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Statement from President Allen regarding sexual assault case

Recently a variety of news media and blogs have carried stories concerning the handling of a civil lawsuit by the Office of the Iowa Attorney General, which represents all state agencies in legal proceedings. Media coverage and blog posts have brought into question UNI's commitment to preventing and appropriately responding to sexual assault cases.

It is not appropriate to discuss specifics of the case. However, I want to be very clear that UNI is steadfast in its commitment to providing a safe living and learning environment for all students. Special emphasis is placed on violence prevention, providing immediate support for those who may have been victimized, and ensuring a vigorous enforcement of the law and institutional policy.

Our response to sexual misconduct seeks to balance the rights, needs and privacy of victims and those of the accused, while maintaining the health and safety of the campus community. UNI has a sexual misconduct policy [hotlink] and a variety of services for victims [hotlink].

We must maintain an environment of mutual respect. We take pride in promoting a safe and healthy environment and hold accountable those individuals whose actions violate the law or university conduct policies.

Ben Allen