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Dear Faculty,

Recent articles have raised concerns about alleged academic misconduct in President Muma's office at the university on October 7, 2017. President Muma denied these allegations, stating that an internal inquiry was conducted by the Executive Vice President and Provost. This inquiry was comprehensive and included both an internal review and an external independent review. The internal review was subsequently closed. To be transparent and engage in the shared governance process, both President Muma and Provost Lefever have been communicating with Faculty Senate leadership.

I was made aware of these allegations and the review process on Thursday, October 13. I then requested the Faculty Senate Executive Committee review the application of the University Misconduct in Research Policy (9.13) to this matter and recommend appropriate follow-up actions. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee consists of 8 faculty members from 7 academic divisions across campus. They represent both tenure-track and NT faculty.

On Friday, October 14, the executive committee met to conduct a review of the application of Policy 9.13 to these matters. The meeting opened and was immediately called into an executive session. The committee was provided with the reports from the internal misconduct inquiry and the external reviews. The committee also spoke with Provost Lefever and President Muma about the review process.

The committee unanimously found that the University Misconduct in Research Policy (9.13) was appropriately and fairly applied in this matter following process afforded to all WSU faculty. The committee is recommending no further action related to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Matthew O. Muether

Wichita State Faculty Senate President