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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Steve Fleagle, Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer
FROM: Jane Drews, University Information Technology Security Officer
DATE: July 15, 2010
RE: Alternatives to Illegal Downloading

At your direction, I recently met with selected ITS staff members and reviewed the legal downloading opportunities currently offered by the University of Iowa for users of the UI computer network during the 2009-10 academic year. Currently, the University makes available to students at the <http://itsecurity.uiowa.edu/resources/copyright.shtml> (this text is also e-mailed to students) and the <http://itsecurity.uiowa.edu/bestprac/filessharing.shtml> page which is linked there, information about legal alternatives to illegal downloading of copyrighted materials. These sites reference the following websites developed by external agencies for the purpose of maintaining up-to-date lists of legal alternatives to illegal downloading:

Musicunited.org http://www.musicunited.org/6_legalsites.aspx

RIAA.com http://www.riaa.com/toolsforparents.php?content_selector=legal_music_sites

During our meeting, we reviewed the legal alternatives currently available on the market for acquiring copyrighted material. After considerable discussion, we agreed to continue with our strategy of informing our students and community about these issues, and promoting legal alternatives of their choice.

It is our determination that these alternatives can be promoted in a manner that is practicable for our institution. Other alternatives are not practicable, we determined, for our institution. It is further recommended that legal downloading opportunities be reviewed in the summer of 2011 if not earlier.

In order to ensure compliance with 34 CFR §668.14(b)(30)(ii), a copy of this letter will be posted on the website utilized to inform students about legal alternatives to illegal downloading of copyrighted materials.

I will proceed to implement these plans unless I hear from you otherwise.

Cc: Rob Porter, Office of the General Counsel