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From: **Hesston College President's Office** <president@hesston.edu>

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Subject:

To: Students <students@hesston.edu>

Cc: FacStaff <facstaff@hesston.edu>

Dear Students:

I am writing to provide updates on action that the administrative council has taken since receiving reports last month alleging that the college mishandled reports of sexual violence.

First, on Monday, October 31, Laura Sharp joined Hesston College as the Interim Dean of Students. Ms. Sharp is a social worker and addictions counselor at Prairie View in Newton, Kansas, and will provide support to Student Life related to student discipline, since for the time being I have asked Vice President Deb Roth to let others address those matters.

Second, as you may remember, we have been seeking proposals from unbiased trauma-informed outside organizations to audit, evaluate and suggest improvements to the college's processes and procedures for preventing and addressing sexual violence on our campus. We are close to selecting a firm to help us toward that goal and will let you all know when we do so.

We are fully committed to providing a welcoming, healthy and safe campus for all our students, faculty and staff. I strongly encourage any member of our campus community who has experienced harassment, violence or discrimination to report it so that we can take appropriate action and provide support. Our [Title IX website](#) provides further information, including on filing a confidential report.

I will continue to provide you with updates when there is additional information to share.

Thank you, and blessings,

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Peace, Joe

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