

Statement to English Department faculty and graduate students:

from

Dean Stephanie Hartwell and
Caroline Maun, Interim Chair of the English Department

Due to confidentiality and neutrality reasons, no names will be mentioned in this note.

The University has retained a well-qualified individual who is outside of WSU (Rebecca Veidlinger) to investigate a number of issues that have recently come to the forefront with regard to the English Department and alleged interactions relating to a faculty member and graduate students.

The investigator will conduct a thorough, fair and legally compliant investigation that provides appropriate due process to all parties, and she will have full authority and control over the nature and scope of the investigation.

Anyone who has a complaint or any first-hand experience with regard to this matter should contact Ms. Veidlinger at her email of rebecca@veidlinger.com and provide to her your contact information. Ms. Veidlinger will follow up as appropriate; and may, at her discretion, additionally ask other individuals if they will participate in an interview. Following completion of the investigation, Ms. Veidlinger will then provide her findings to the University.

In order to maintain the integrity of the process, all persons coming forward are requested to maintain the confidentiality of all individuals involved and are strongly encouraged not to discuss this matter or the investigation with others or on social media.

While we cannot provide you with a time frame when the investigation will be completed, it will be given appropriate and timely attention by Ms. Veidlinger.