MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Faculty, University of Delaware

From: Larry White

Subject: COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT NOTICES FOR USE IN COMBATING THE UNAUTHORIZED POSTING OF YOUR TEST QUESTIONS, NOTES, AND OTHER CLASSROOM MATERIALS ON WEB SITES SUCH AS COURSEHERO.COM

At the request of the Faculty Senate, the General Counsel’s Office has developed a template for use by any faculty member whose copyright-protected course materials are posted without authorization on web sites that aggregate such materials.

One such web site is Coursehero.com. The template attached to this memorandum is designed to be used by a faculty member whose materials appear on the Coursehero web site. It can be adapted if you (or we) subsequently learn of other sites that engage in the same aggregation of copyright-protected course material.

Most web sites contain a link labeled “Copyright Notice” or something similar. If you go to the Coursehero home page (www.coursehero.com) you’ll see that link at the bottom of the page. If you click on the link, you will find instructions on how to file a copyright infringement notice and where the notice should be sent.

The Coursehero site appears to require that copyright infringement notices be sent by hard-copy mail, since the notice must be “signed”.

If you have any questions or concerns about the template or the process for sending it, please feel free to call the General Counsel’s Office or, if you prefer, email me at lawwhite@udel.edu.

Thank you.

Attachment
I am a faculty member the University of Delaware. I am on notice of copyright and trademark infringement on your website. Specifically, the University owns a non-exclusive right to the faculty written materials that appear on your website under “Delaware”. The University has not granted permission or license for you to use the materials created by its faculty members, and the University is not aware of any permission or license you have to use the materials.

Please immediately remove all posted items that contain content created by me, including but not limited to test questions, review questions, notes and class materials that appear under any subtab at http://www.coursehero.com/sitemap/schools/55-Delaware. If you contend that your web site has permission to use these items, then please provide me with copies of all of the licenses or permissions you have to post faculty materials.

I have a good-faith belief that use of the copyrighted materials described above as allegedly infringing is not authorized by the copyright owner, its agent, or the law.

I swear, under penalty of perjury, that the information in the notification is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the University copyright owner has authorized me to act on behalf of the University as owner of audiovisual and online course material created by its faculty members.

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