CSU students should be made aware of the impropriety of copyright infringement and the possibility of civil and criminal penalties. A sample notice set forth below should be placed in some location where students are likely to see it:

> Students should be aware that the unauthorized sharing of peer-to-peer file copyrighted works, including music, pictures, and movies, is a violation of campus computer use policy. It is also illegal and may carry significant money and/or criminal sanctions. It is the responsibility of students who are downloading or uploading documents to make certain that they are not copyrighted works, or that the student has the permission of the copyright holder.

The RIAA has not asserted that institutions have any liability for the misbehavior of their students, and there is none. If you receive notice from a copyright holder of suspected illegal infringement on your campus server, it should be handled under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act to take advantage of the "safe harbor" provisions in that Act. If you have questions about an appropriate response, please contact your University Counsel.

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