TITLE IX 11/02/2016 M.Clark

The UW-River Falls Student Senate is pushing for the university to consider creating an independent Title IX (Nine) coordinator to handle sexual equality and violence cases on campus. With more, here’s Falcon News Service’s Matthew Clark.

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MATTHEW CLARK: STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT CHRISTOPHER MORGAN SAYS THE CURRENT SYSTEM FOR DEALING WITH TITLE IX CASES ON CAMPUS ISN’T DOING ENOUGH. CURRENTLY, ASSOCIATE DEAN GREGG HEINSELMAN IS IN CHARGE OF INVESTIGATING TITLE IX CASES. MORGAN SAYS HAVING HEINSELMAN CAN BE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

CHRISTOPHER MORGAN: “WHEN GREGG IS THE TITLE IX COORDINATOR, WE’RE SELF-REGULATING OURSELVES. WE NEED SOMEONE ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN SAYING ‘ACTUALLY NO, HERE’S THE LAW, HERE’S WHAT YOU SHOULD BE DOING.’”

MATTHEW CLARK: HEINSELMAN SAID HE AGREES WITH MORGAN.

GREGG HEINSELMAN: “I’M A MEMBER OF THE CABINET. I ALSO REPORT TO THE CHANCELLOR. I HAVE A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT SO I SERVE AT THE SERVICE OF THE CHANCELLOR. IF I WAS TO INVESTIGATE A TITLE IX CASE AND FIND THAT THE UNIVERSITY WASN’T FOLLOWING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES OR MANAGING THE CASE IN THE WAY IT SHOULD, ONE COULD ARGUE DO I HAVE INDEPENDENCE IN THAT PROCESS?”

MATTHEW CLARK: DETAILS ARE STILL UNCLEAR ABOUT HOW THE POSITION WILL BE PAID AND IF THE UNIVERSITY WILL HIRE FROM WITHIN. MORGAN SAYS CREATING THE POSITION WILL TAKE A LOT OF COPERATION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION.

CHRISTOPHER MORGAN: “WORKING WITH THE CHANCELLOR TO FIND A WAY TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH WHILE ALSO KEEPING AN EYE ON THE BUDGET”

MATTHEW CLARK: FOR THE FALCON NEW SERVICE, I’M MATTHEW CLARK.

Morgan anticipates it will take some time before the position becomes a reality.

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