



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
Office of the President

June 22, 2018

Dear Texas Tech University Family,

As you are likely aware, several reprehensible and racially insensitive messages in a student group chat were shared on social media Thursday evening involving the president of the Interfraternity Council (IFC). Through a university statement, we immediately condemned this communication, which does not reflect the core values of Texas Tech University nor represent the overall student body, our faculty and staff, or the broader university community.

Additional communication from the IFC vice president condemning the messages was shared last night, as well as communication this morning announcing a new president of the IFC. The Student Government Association also addressed the student body, further admonishing the messages.

Following several conversations late Thursday evening, I convened a meeting with Dr. Carol Sumner (Vice President for the Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion), Dr. Matt Gregory (Dean of Students and Student Affairs) and Dr. Cathy Duran (Associate Vice Provost for Student Affairs) and our communications office to discuss the importance of swiftly, yet appropriately, addressing this issue, and communicating with the Red Raider family and public.

As a result of our discussions, Dr. Sumner [issued a letter to the university community](#) and has scheduled meetings this afternoon with various student groups to listen to and address their concerns. Additionally, she, along with Dr. Gregory, met with the media earlier this afternoon to publicly speak to this matter.

We continue to investigate this matter and consider further actions, but I wanted you to be aware of our immediate response to this deeply disturbing incident. Please contact me, the Office of the Dean of Students or the Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion with your concerns or need for support and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence Schovanec".

Lawrence Schovanec,  
President