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**From:** Lawrence Krauss <lawkrauss@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 25, 2018 10:50 PM  
**To:** jeffrey E.  
**Subject:** Re: Statement Request

I got a call from the reporter, who was the same one who interviewed me recently over the doomsday clock.. so he is simply doing a story.. I don't think he has an agenda. His deadline is now an hour, according to his editors. and I told him I would try to get him something.. Here is my proposed statement.. worked through once with one advisor.. They want me to comment on the buzzfeed story and its allegations, and on ASU's statement.. So here is what I am sending them.. quick comment?

I will be making a longer statement about the slanderous and factually incorrect story in due course. I realize that some ASU students may be shocked and dismayed and interested in some comment from me at this time. I appreciate the supportive statement from ASU and also the professional procedures that ASU applies to these issues. I can assure students that I have always worked hard throughout my career, inside and outside the University, to build and maintain an atmosphere of trust and respect in all of my interactions, and to create an environment where open communication is encouraged. I also encourage students and members of the general public to think critically and to use evidence as the basis of making decisions and policies. As many are already aware, Buzzfeed is not a reliable news source. Unsubstantiated allegations from such a source should be viewed skeptically.

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On Feb 25, 2018, at 12:44 PM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

they were not asking for a comment as you told me. they were asking to SPEAK. taking advice from nancy or your waitress neither has any experience in this arena it is like asking your wife to look at your x-ray and give you her opinion on whether you need a stent. = this is dangerous. if female students read it the wrong way. . and five decide

to tell a story that they were fearful of bringing their past complaints BLAH BLAH BLAH, we have trouble. . if you make a positive bullshit statement, some women might feel you are ignoring them! , if you choose not to speak, it must be done very respectfully, it's the same story I gave you the last time. when your train trust said there is a deadline you must respond. = It was your responses that got your events canceled. . it made the story.

On Sun, Feb 25, 2018 at 3:29 PM, Lawrence Krauss <lawkrauss@gmail.com <mailto:lawkrauss@gmail.com> > wrote:

Yes.

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On Feb 25, 2018, at 12:25 PM, jeffrey E. Lee <jeevacation@gmail.com <mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com> > wrote:

no statement better than positive one.

On Sun, Feb 25, 2018 at 3:03 PM, Lawrence Krauss <lawkrauss@gmail.com <mailto:lawkrauss@gmail.com> > wrote:

I just lost you. Let's talk in an hour or so.

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On Feb 25, 2018, at 11:55 AM, Jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com>  
<mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

Ask for questions in writing

On Sun, Feb 25, 2018 at 2:19 PM Jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

Tricky, very tricky

On Sun, Feb 25, 2018 at 1:43 PM Lawrence Krauss <lawkrauss@gmail.com>  
wrote:

This is the student paper at ASU. I am assuming I should give a statement but  
just checking for your advice. (See last proposal, which is growing on me)

ASU has already made a statement already pointing out that there have been no  
complaints of sexual harassment against me by faculty or students at ASU.

I could reiterate that and add that I have never been accused or found in  
violation of sexual harassment codes at any institution I have been affiliated with.

Or I could just reiterate ASU's statement and say something positive like I am  
very proud to be working at ASU, it is the most exciting university I have been affiliated with and thrilled to lead the  
fantastic team at origins project, one of the most exciting programs at any university in the world, and be working with  
great colleagues and students in physics and SESE.

I am leaning toward the latter.

Lmk.

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From: Christopher Scragg <cscragg@asu.edu>  
Date: February 25, 2018 at 9:59:09 AM PST  
To: Lawrence Krauss <lkrauss@asu.edu <mailto:lkrauss@asu.edu> >  
Subject: Statement Request

Hello Professor Krauss.

The State Press is working on a story regarding the recent allegations published  
in a BuzzFeed story on Feb. 2.

We were hoping to speak with you about the article, the allegations and the  
University's response. We are aiming to publish the evening of Feb. 25, so please let us know if you or someone from  
your office is willing to talk prior to then.

Thank you.

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Chris Scragg  
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