As many have read recently in the news, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) has increased its efforts to litigate copyright infringement claims against university students nationwide. This includes suing students, faculty and staff that have not responded to previous RIAA efforts to stop illegal online file sharing.

On February 28, 2007, LSU received a letter from the American Council on Education stating that the RIAA was initiating legal action against individuals who engage in illegal file sharing of copyrighted materials using peer-to-peer systems.