Counseling Services Talking Points with Students Regarding Campus Safety

- This campus is generally a very safe campus. We have never had a mass shooting incident on campus.

- There have been threats over the years, and campus takes these threats very seriously, working with others to conduct thorough investigations and follow-up.

- It is normal to feel concerned, especially at times when there is a campus safety alert, and it is OK to seek support from others.

- Campus is taking this threat seriously and hence is instituting increased security measures, and the entire campus is on heightened alert. We all play a role in keeping our campus safe, and as always, the campus and University Police are asking persons to report anything that they find unusual or concerning to University Police.

- This campus and University Police take threats very seriously, no matter how much information that they get, even if they feel that the threat of violence is extremely low, they will take appropriate precautions, including sending out the alert.

- If any student is particularly concerned and wishes to speak with a counselor about ways to help reduce their anxiety, students can contact Counseling Services at 715-425-3884 or stop by our office at 211 Hagestad to make an appointment.

Counseling Services reminds students that sometimes it helps to walk around campus with a friend or someone that they trust; it also helps to talk about it with others, but it’s also very helpful to get a break from thinking and talking about it too-so encouraging students to make plans to do something fun to distract themselves, especially if perhaps they can get off campus for a while.