

ISU FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION
Regarding
SELECTION OF IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS

*Resolution passed on February 1, 2006 by the
Administrative Committee of the Faculty Senate*

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The Board of Regents is responsible to the people of Iowa for hiring the presidents of the three Regents universities: UNI, SUI and ISU. These universities with their collective missions to provide post-secondary and graduate education, to provide top-flight research and to advance economic development are also responsible to the people of Iowa. Jointly, university representatives and the Regents have effectively searched for, and selected leaders of the Regents institutions that have had the support and respect of the Regents, the university communities, and the people of Iowa.

Whereas, since 1981, the process of using university-based broadly representative membership for search committees led by members of the General Faculty with final decision authority resting with the Regents has led to important and successful leadership choices of the Regents universities, *be it resolved that*:

- 1) Presidential search committees shall be broadly representative of members of the university community: including faculty, administrators, students, alumni and staff.
- 2) The Regents shall include sufficient numbers of General Faculty who do not hold university administrative posts on the search committees for presidents so that they shall constitute a significant voting share of the voice with respect to recruiting, evaluating, determining the list of finalists, and recommending the acceptable candidates to the Regents for their consideration. Collectively, members of the General Faculty (including those who may hold administrative posts) shall be a majority of the membership of the search committee.
- 3) The chair of the search committee shall be a member of the General Faculty.
- 4) The ISU Faculty Senate supports the endeavors of the faculties of SUI and UNI to ensure university-based broadly representative presidential selection processes with direct faculty involvement in the search, screening and recommendation process.