

**Iowa State University Faculty Senate Request to the Iowa Board of Regents**

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The Iowa State University Faculty Senate believes that a strong, consistent and positive relationship between university faculty and the Board of Regents is essential to the best practices of shared governance at Iowa State University. Because free and frequent communication develops a mutual understanding, we commend the current practice of including Faculty Senate leaders and the recipients of the Regents Awards for Faculty Excellence at luncheons held during Regents' meetings on the three campuses as an excellent start toward this dialogue; however, we believe that a stronger Regent-faculty relationship that promotes a broader perspective could be developed if a wider range of faculty (for example, untenured faculty, international faculty, and faculty who have just completed a Professional Development Assignment) were also invited to interact and share their perspectives with Regents on a periodic basis.

In light of this view, the Faculty Senate of Iowa State University requests the Board of Regents to adopt the practice of inviting selected faculty from each of the three Regent Universities to join them for lunch and discussion each time the Regents meet on their respective campuses.