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

The Board of Regents is responsible to the people of Iowa for hiring the presidents of the three Regents universities: UNI, SUI and ISU. The three Regents’ universities with their collective missions to provide post-secondary and graduate education, to provide top-flight research and to advance economic development are responsible to the people of Iowa as well. Jointly they 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 university-based broadly representative membership, and General Faculty leadership of the search committee 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 the 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 Regent’s for their consideration. Collectively, members of the General Faculty 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 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, screen and recommendation process.