

Statement of Support for the Faculty Senate of the University of Iowa

The Faculty Senate of the University of Iowa voted by a large majority at a September 8, 2015 meeting to issue a statement of no confidence in their Board of Regents. (*)

We, the undersigned representatives of faculty governance systems across the Midwest express our support for the Faculty Senate of the University of Iowa.

Principles of shared governance dictate that the voice of the faculty, which carries out the core mission of the university, is accorded considerable weight in all important decisions of university governance. In appointing Bruce Harreld as the President of the University of Iowa against overwhelming opposition from the faculty, the Board of Regents, State of Iowa appear to have violated these principles. We have a common interest in ethical conduct, honesty, open and effective communication, public accountability, stewardship and service, and transparency in the process of the appointment of University Presidents and Chancellors.

We call on the Board of Regents, State of Iowa to adhere to the principles of shared university governance and to ethical behavior and transparency.

*This is the text of the resolution voted by the University of Iowa Faculty Senate:

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has failed in its duty of care to the University of Iowa and the citizens of Iowa and shown blatant disregard for the shared nature of university governance, and

WHEREAS the Regents have failed to act according to their own strategic plan's core values, namely ethical behavior, honesty, open and effective communication, public accountability, stewardship and service, and transparency, we therefore have no confidence in the ability of the Board of Regents wisely to govern our institution.

John R. Bender, President, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Faculty Senate
Colin Campbell, Chair, University of Minnesota Faculty Consultative Committee
Edward F. X. Hughes, President, Northwestern University Faculty Senate
Beth Meyerand, Chair of the University Committee, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Gay Miller, Chair, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate Executive Committee
David A. Sanders, Vice-Chair, Purdue University Senate
Cassidy R. Sugimoto, on behalf of the Indiana University-Bloomington Faculty Council
Executive Committee
Silke-Maria Weineck, Chair, Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs, University of
Michigan
Laurei Zoloth, Vice-President, Northwestern University Faculty Senate

Endorsed by:

Members of the Senate at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Nebraska-Lincoln Faculty Senate
Northwestern University Faculty Senate