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Subject: President Miles' Statement on UNI President Allen
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Regents,

The first attachment below is President Miles' statement on President Allen. The second attachment is UNI's release which includes President Miles' statement. This was just released by UNI a few moments ago.

Let us know if you have any questions. Thank you.



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Statement from President Miles on UNI President Ben Allen

President Allen advised me yesterday of his diagnosis of early stage prostate cancer. President and Mrs. Allen are important members of our educational community, and I expressed to them my full support, as well as the support of the Board of Regents, as the two of them address this challenge.

In addition to being an outstanding and highly regarded university president, Ben is a strong individual possessing a positive spirit, and I have every confidence that he will be successful in working his way back to good health. That should be his focus and top priority.

UNI has an outstanding leadership team in place. As Ben shared in his communication to the UNI community, he expects to undergo surgery in the near future. Accordingly, at the December 9 meeting of the Board of Regents I will recommend that the Board approve the appointment of Provost Gloria Gibson as acting president of the University of Northern Iowa effective with the date of Ben's surgery and continuing until he is able to resume his normal duties. This will ensure continuity of the University's operations and will allow Ben to take the necessary time for his full recovery.

Thank you.

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Dear friends and colleagues,

Following a recent routine physical exam, I was diagnosed with early stage prostate cancer. This came as a complete surprise, as I have been fortunate to have had excellent health, and there were no indications of a problem. I am in the process of reviewing treatment options with my physician. I expect to undergo surgery in mid-January.

Following surgery, my schedule will be modified and I will not return to work until my physician indicates I am sufficiently recovered. This will probably be four to six weeks. My surgeon expects me to have a full recovery from this relatively routine procedure.

To ensure continuity of operations, Board of Regents, State of Iowa, President David Miles will recommend the appointment of UNI Provost Gloria Gibson as acting UNI president effective with the date of my surgery and continuing until I resume normal duties. This will take place at the Dec. 9 Board of Regents meeting. See President Miles' statement below.

As I have learned during the past few days, prostate cancer is very common among men as they age. According to MayoClinic.com, "By age 50 as many as one in four men have some cancerous cells in the prostate gland. By age 80, the ratio increases to one in two." I encourage men to get regular checkups.

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