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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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