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President Craig Lang Statement on Iowa Senate Vote

April 8, 2013

I respect the Iowa Senate's decision in its vote today on my reconfirmation to the Board of Regents. While I am disappointed in the results, I thank the Senate for its stewardship role for Iowans and for the very productive conversations we have had in recent weeks. It is clear that we all share a passion for higher education and doing what is best for Iowa.

I am proud of the accomplishments of the Board of Regents during my term. The Regents have done a tremendous job in improving the accountability of the Board and the Regent institutions to lowans, supporting the universities' extraordinary economic development contributions to the state, encouraging operational efficiencies, and addressing the needs of students, particularly related to access and affordability. I hope the lowa legislature keeps the needs of our students at the forefront as they consider the Board's FY 2014 operating appropriations request to allow the Board to freeze tuition for the 2013-2014 academic year.

I thank the Governor and the legislature for their dedication to higher education in the state. I thank all of my Board colleagues over the past six years, as well as Executive Director Donley and his staff for their outstanding work. I also thank all who make our institutions outstanding centers of learning, research and service – our leaders and administrators, faculty, staff, and especially our students.

I greatly appreciate the experience I have had to serve the people of Iowa as a member of the Board of Regents. I wish everyone well as they continue their outstanding work for the state of Iowa.