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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION UPDATE

Action Requested: Receive update on changes to the application for admission to the universities.

Background: In recognition of direction from executive orders and other directives in the federal government, the Regent universities began discussions in early February regarding the questions used to collect legal sex and self-identified gender on applications for admission. Subsequently, on February 10, 2025, the Board of Regents received communication from members of the legislature requesting that the Board direct the institutions to include two options for gender on applications (see appendix A).

As of February 13, 2025, all three universities had implemented updates to the university applications for admission to appear as such:

Sex:

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to answer

Questions on gender have been removed from the university applications.



State of Iowa
Ninety-first General Assembly
STATEHOUSE
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Members of the Board of Regents,

As part of President Trump's Restoring Sanity Agenda, he has made it the official policy of the United States that there are only two genders - male and female.

Recently, I have been made aware our regent universities use contrary practices and policies. For example, for Iowans applying for admission to the University of Iowa, at least seven different genders are listed as options.

That is why today I am requesting the board adopt the same policy outlined by President Trump - that there are only two genders.

If we have recognized anything since the last election, Americans and Iowans are ready for a return to sanity, and that begins with recognizing this basic biological reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Evans".

Senator Lynn Evans
Chair, Committee on Education

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Taylor Collins".

Representative Taylor Collins
Chair, Committee on Higher Education