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**AWARDING OF EMERITUS STATUS**

**Action Requested:** Consider approving the title “President Emeritus” for former Iowa State University President Gregory L. Geoffroy.

**Executive Summary:** Dr. Geoffroy became the 14<sup>th</sup> president of Iowa State University on July 1, 2001; along with his appointment he received a tenured professorship in the Department of Chemistry. Prior to his appointment as ISU president, he served as senior vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of Maryland, College Park and as interim president at Maryland in 1998. He also served in several positions at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, from 1974 to 1989, including dean of the Eberley College of Science and professor and chair of chemistry.

In recognition of his bold vision, strong leadership, valuable knowledge and experience, and tenure at Iowa State University which resulted in recruiting and retaining top faculty, staff, and students; private fundraising to support faculty positions and student scholarships; and sustaining and advancing the state’s position in the growing bioeconomy, the Board of Regents wishes to award the title “President Emeritus” to Dr. Gregory L. Geoffroy.