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**President Lang Clarifies Statement on ISU President Leath's Contract**

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(URBANDALE) – I would like to clarify my recent comments to Iowa Public Radio with regard to the contract for ISU President Leath, who is currently working under a three-year contract effective February 1, 2012.

When President Leath was hired, the Board determined that the initial contract period should not exceed three years to ensure that the Board could reassess its decision, if necessary, within the three-year period. That said, I want to assure all Iowans that I am tremendously pleased with President Leath's performance in the past year and his stellar leadership of Iowa State University.

"The University and the state of Iowa are extremely fortunate to have President Leath at the helm, and based on his current performance, I look forward to his service well beyond his initial three-year contract," said Board President Craig Lang.

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