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**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**  
**URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**  
Senates Executive Committee  
(Final; Action)

**SC.16.17** Statement in Support of the Faculty Senate of the University of Iowa

**BACKGROUND**

The 2015 CIC (Committee on Institutional Cooperation) Faculty Governance Leadership Conference was held on September 23-25, 2015. Members of the CIC institutions in attendance crafted language subsequent to this meeting in support of the University of Iowa Faculty Senate.

The Faculty Senate of the University of Iowa voted by a large majority at a September 8, 2015 meeting to issue a statement of no confidence in their Board of Regents.

Below is the text of the resolution voted on by the University of Iowa Faculty Senate:

*WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has failed in its duty of care to the University of Iowa and the citizens of Iowa and shown blatant disregard for the shared nature of university governance, and*

*WHEREAS the Regents have failed to act according to their own strategic plan’s core values, namely ethical behavior, honesty, open and effective communication, public accountability, stewardship and service, and transparency, we therefore have no confidence in the ability of the Board of Regents wisely to govern our institution.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Senate Executive Committee unanimously recommends the Senate of the Urbana-Champaign Campus endorse the following statement crafted by those in attendance at the September 23-25, 2015 CIC Faculty Governance Leadership Conference, and in support of the University of Iowa Faculty Senate.

*We, the undersigned representatives of faculty governance systems across the CIC (Committee on Institutional Cooperation), express our support for the Faculty Senate of the University of Iowa.*

*Principles of shared governance dictate that the voice of the faculty, which carries out the core mission of the university, is accorded considerable weight in all important decisions of university governance. In appointing Bruce Harreld as the President of the University of Iowa against overwhelming opposition from the faculty, the Board of Regents, State of Iowa appear to have violated these principles. We have a common interest in ethical conduct, honesty, open and effective communication, public accountability, stewardship and service, and transparency in the process of the appointment of University Presidents and Chancellors.*

*We call on the Board of Regents, State of Iowa to adhere to the principles of shared university governance and to ethical behavior and transparency.*

*This statement will be communicated to campus, local, state, national, and education publications and to the Board of Regents, State of Iowa.*

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