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Whereas the Regents have initiated planning for strategic change (BoR Docket Item 13, “Strategic Planning Update”, Nov. 8-9, 2006)

The Executive Board of the Iowa State University Senate offers the following position statement:

1) We respect the initiative being taken, and welcome the leadership of the Regents institutions in undertaking steps to research, reflect upon and offer initial thoughts regarding overarching long-term themes to support excellence in the Regents higher education system.

2) We believe that for the process to be most beneficial, that a permanent president should be in place at each institution so that his or her vision and leadership can be called upon to help shape those strategic discussions.

And:

3) That after gathering and summarizing initial data and perspectives, the process should be open, public, and inclusive of broad representation of the respective university communities, including respect for the historic role of shared governance with the faculty and faculty senates on matters pertaining to strategic planning, university mission, programs, curricula and academic matters.

Respectfully offered on behalf of the
ISU Senate Executive Board,

Gregory Palermo.
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