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To: Board of Regents
   State of Iowa

Whereas the Regents have initiated a study of admission standards to the Regent universities in response to House File 2395 (BoR Docket Item 2b, “Admissions Study Team Final Report”, Dec. 11, 2006; and BoR Docket item 3a, Nov. 8-9, 2006)

The Executive Board of the Iowa State University (ISU) Faculty Senate offers the following position statement:

Faculty Senate representatives, in accordance with shared governance as outlined in the ISU Faculty Senate Constitution with respect to admission standards, have participated in work sessions with the ISU Study Group, Interim Provost Susan Carlson and Associate Provost David Holger. We have had an opportunity to review the draft proposals, university academic success factor analyses, and entrance, grade point and retention rate comparisons between the existing 50% high school rank standard and admission scores those same students would have achieved using the proposed Regent Admission Index (RAI). Our Academic Standards and Admissions Committee has also been able to review the material and offer its observations.

We endorse the proposed RAI admissions process that combines four pro-rated factors: High School GPA, High School Rank, ACT Score and Core Courses Taken as the basis for admission. We understand that periodic reviews of the new admissions process are called for, that additional stipulated admissions requirements as may be determined by each institution must be met as well, and that each institution will maintain a process for individual admission reviews. We concur with the recommendation to amend Section 681 of the Iowa Administrative Code to replace the existing prescriptive entrance threshold of the top 50% of high school class with the four factor RAI.

Respectfully offered on behalf of the
ISU Faculty Senate Executive Board,

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