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PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH – UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA – SELECTION OF EXECUTIVE SEARCH FIRM

<u>Action Requested</u>: Ratify the Acting Executive Director's selection of Korn/Ferry International as the executive search firm for the presidential search at the University of Northern Iowa.

Executive Summary: At its November 2005 meeting, the Board authorized the development and distribution of a request for proposals (RFP) for an executive search firm to assist in the search for the next president of the University of Northern Iowa. The RFP was issued on November 4, 2005. The deadline for submission of proposals was November 16. Four proposals were received.

Based upon its proposal, qualifications, national reputation, references and past experience with searches for the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, Korn/Ferry International was selected. Mr. R. William (Bill) Funk will serve as primary contact with the Board and the Search and Screen Committee. Korn/Ferry International was retained for the most recent presidential searches at the University of Iowa and Iowa State University.

The tentative timeline provided by Korn/Ferry in its proposal indicated that the search process could begin in December and conclude with the Board interviewing candidates in late in April.