



Iowa Association of Community College Trustees Resolution

WHEREAS Steve Ovel has served with distinction and honor as an advocate and promoter for Iowa's Community Colleges;

WHEREAS Steve Ovel has done an exemplary job in serving Iowa's Community Colleges by:

- Being Iowa's expert in economic development and workforce training,
- Assisting in the legislation and the method of funding by using the proceeds from the gaming revenues to fund multiple new workforce programs for the Community Colleges to administer,
- Working on the definition of a career academy that is included in legislative language,
- Playing a role in developing the funding formula used by all 15 Community Colleges to distribute equitably the state general aid and workforce programs funding,
- Playing an integral role in the redesign of Iowa's workforce development delivery in 1996, ensuring the state workforce service areas were aligned with community college boundaries so that education and training services were offered to unemployed and underemployed individuals across the state,
- Playing a unique role in providing training and guidance on how to best implement these new programs across all 15 Community Colleges by sharing best practices while emphasizing consistency and local control across the state,
- Serving as a resource for legislators in the governmental process,
- Bringing a focus to Workforce Education programs at the Community Colleges,
- Serving as a Trustee for Kirkwood Community College,
- Always serving Iowa's Community Colleges with integrity and grace;

Whereas it is only fitting and proper that the endeavors and accomplishments of **Steve Ovel** be recognized, for he has made numerous and significant contributions to the pride and sustainability of Iowa's Community Colleges; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Iowa Association of Community Colleges Trustees that **Steve Ovel** be recognized and honored for his distinguished leadership and service to Iowa's Community Colleges; and

Be it further resolved... that **Steve Ovel** be extended the full, complete, and sincere appreciation of the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees, the colleges, their administration, faculty, staff, and especially the students for his efforts on our behalf. Unanimously adopted by the Iowa Association of Community College Trustee's Board of Directors.

This 12 Day of March, 2021

Alan Jensen, Chairperson
Iowa Association of Community College Trustees