

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



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Dean Linda Maxson
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Dear Dean Maxson:

At the meeting of the Liberal Arts Faculty Assembly of February 2, 2000, the issue of clinical-track faculty was discussed and two resolutions were passed. The first resolution opposed making clinical-track faculty eligible to receive Old Gold Summer Fellowships and the second resolution endorsed the principle that the number of clinical-track faculty in the College should remain *very* small and that the number of tenure-track faculty in the College should be increased.

With respect to the first resolution, the members of the Assembly expressed support for increasing opportunities for professional development of clinical-track faculty but observed that the Old Gold program is not concerned with general professional development but rather specifically with helping tenure-track faculty get a good start in establishing their research programs as a critical part of working toward attaining tenure, which is not a consideration for clinical-track faculty. The second resolution reflects the belief that well-rounded scholar-educators are best able to deliver most academic services but that there just aren't enough of us to serve current needs.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Liberal Arts Faculty Assembly
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lc: Provost Jon Whitmore
✓ Faculty Senate President Jonathan Carlson