

Proposal

That the University of Iowa sponsor a competition for the creation of an official flag for the University that could be flown on all appropriate University occasions and on the dome of the Old Capitol (once rebuilt) along side the US and Iowa Flag which flag could be flown at half-staff upon the death of a member of the University community.

Rationale

1. The University of Iowa has had a tradition of flying the US Flag at half-staff on the death of a member of the University community and at the direction of the UI President.
2. Typically, (but not always) the US Flag is flown at half-staff at the death of a national or state leader as a sign of respect.
3. Having a UI Flag which could be flown at half-staff would seem to be a more appropriate sign of respect for a member of the University community as it more appropriately signals the deceased person's connection to the University.
4. Commissioning a UI Flag would also provide an occasion for an artistic competition and a campus celebration which hopefully could coincide with the dedication (I assume there will be one) of the rebuilt dome.