



Statement by Charles Lutz, Chairman
University of the Incarnate Word Board of Trustees and Executive Committee

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The Board of Trustees of the University of the Incarnate Word met this morning to discuss the situation regarding the University's President, Dr. Lou Agnese.

Since becoming President in 1985, Dr. Agnese's tireless work with the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, the Board of Trustees, the entire campus community, alumni and philanthropists has transformed the University in size, scope, endowment and academic standing. Today, UIW is one of the pre-eminent Catholic universities in the United States, and Dr. Agnese's innovative leadership has been vital in that achievement. His contributions have been immeasurable.

However, recent comments by Dr. Agnese are not consistent with the traditions and values of the University and cannot be condoned. Inspired by Judeo-Christian values, the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and Catholic Social Teaching, UIW's mission is to educate men and women who will become concerned and enlightened citizens of faith within the global community and who will have learned and witnessed the importance of treating each person with respect.

As stated previously, Dr. Agnese is on leave from his position as President. Dr. Denise Doyle is serving as Acting President and the Board fully supports her and has high confidence in her abilities and commitment to the University.

The Executive Committee of the Board will make a recommendation on this matter to the full Board on Monday.