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**REQUEST TO AWARD AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS DEGREE**

**Action Requested:** Consider approval of the request by Iowa State University to award an honorary doctor of humane letters degree to Michael M. Crow at Spring 2008 Commencement.

**Executive Summary:** Iowa State University wishes to recognize Dr. Crow for outstanding leadership in higher education and for exceptional service to Iowa State University and the State of Iowa in developing science and technology initiatives. Dr. Crow's "significant achievements in higher education during the past three decades demonstrate a career of superior intellectual and creative activity. He has been an outstanding academic, a distinguished administrator, and exceptional leader and visionary, and an extraordinary citizen."

**Details on Dr. Crow's Accomplishments:**

- ◇ Dr. Crow received a bachelor's degree in political science and environmental science from Iowa State University in 1977 and a Ph.D. in public administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University in 1985.
- ◇ In 1986, he joined ISU as Director of the Office of Science Policy and Research and, in 1988, he became Director of the Institute for Physical Research and Technology (IPRT) which was created under his leadership. Today, IPRT is one of the most successful technology development and transfer programs at ISU.
- ◇ Dr. Crow was appointed president and professor of public affairs at Arizona State University in 2002. In his inaugural address, he announced a "New American University initiative for ASU that encompasses eight design imperatives – a focus on the individual, social embeddedness, intellectual fusion, use-inspired research, global engagement, societal transformation, and knowledge entrepreneurship."
- ◇ Dr. Crow is co-author of two books, 13 book chapters, and 40 articles and reports on science and technology policy and management, technology change, global competitiveness, and organizational theory.
- ◇ He is a board member or trustee of numerous organizations, including the Council for Aid to Education, Council on Foreign Relations, Internet2, Business-Higher Education Forum, Urban Land Institute, and several Arizona-based technology development and education efforts.
- ◇ Dr. Crow was named "Arizonan of the Year" by the *Arizona Republic*, and, in 2006, he was elected a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.