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The faculty union vote was not something I wanted to happen, but the support it elicited for the University and our leadership has been extraordinary.

Since union officials announced their resolution, I have spent long evenings in my office working to respond to hundreds of messages from students, staff, alumni, faculty and people in Big Rapids. Each and every one has been supportive.

These messages of encouragement say two important things. First, there is deep appreciation for what we are accomplishing at Ferris State University. The conviction and passion behind this appreciation excites me about the future of our University and our community.

Second, our University is on the right path. No place is perfect, but a clear purpose and commitment exists here and no one should ever doubt this.

We must seize the opportunity to build upon this support, put past differences behind us, and work together for our students. They are why we are here and the difference we make in their lives is the reason we devote ourselves to this very special place.

Sincerely,

David L. Eisler, President